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Effective education requires societal involvement

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It is pretty clear that by "education" we mean academic excellence, character development, and the cultivation of values. It is the very reason students, while on school premises, are governed by defined rules and regulations, with a fixed timetable and a specific schedule for curricular activities and leisure time. This sets the right tone for students to be disciplined and to mould their minds in ways that best suit the teaching and learning process.

But when students leave campus and step into their homes, they usually don't find such a decent array of time-disciplined activities. Society at large is of less significance to students' development. This disparity between school and non-school settings warrants a candid evaluation. As is evident even from a common-sense perspective, for meaningful training and holistic development, environmental similarities play a pivotal role. The uniformity of a piece of land plays a crucial role in plant growth and fruit production.

A home should be a replica of the school, with effective time management, with parents serving as mentors and teachers.

Society must play a definitive role in shaping the minds and training of the younger generation, both directly and indirectly. One reason for our rich cultural history is that society played a pivotal role in educating and training young minds.

Religious institutions: In ancient times, religious institutions and their adherents imparted knowledge and guided students in ethical matters, while also providing them with lodging and food. Today, we do not see it being done. It is one of the fundamental duties of every citizen to contribute to the nation's progress, so why does societal contribution in educational development appear to be our glittering past with no relevance today?

Business centres: Business establishments located in or around a school. They can selflessly share a portion of their income to support private schools that recruit teachers but struggle to pay salaries on time due to irregular fee payments or inadequate infrastructure. Or lend their voluntary services for the betterment of the school?

Training centres: The society, through its religious institutions or nongovernmental organisations, can collectively develop systems that provide short-term training for students during vacations and holidays.

Individuals and groups: Skilful and resourceful individuals and groups can visit schools on the occasion of various events; can organise awards ceremonies for the best schools, teachers, and students; can hold academic and sports competitions for students; and can establish libraries and labs, along with sports clubs.

It is just a hint at what society can offer to optimise the cause of education. These are quite familiar pragmatic ways. But to materialise such a dynamic role for society, individuals, and groups, our shared consensus and vision of an ideal society are crucial. Cooperation among religious denominations with diverse cultural backgrounds is possible only when they share a common goal.

A realistic way forward that can unite and inspire people to do much more, beyond their limits, to help society develop as an abode of peace and prosperity. The absence of such a constructive societal role will likely undermine unity and cooperation amid doubt, confusion, and unrest. It is the commonness of the goal that makes us one. This commonality helps us develop mutual trust and positive expectations. What better way than to invite our society to play a decisive role in preparing the next generation for a prosperous and exemplary nation?

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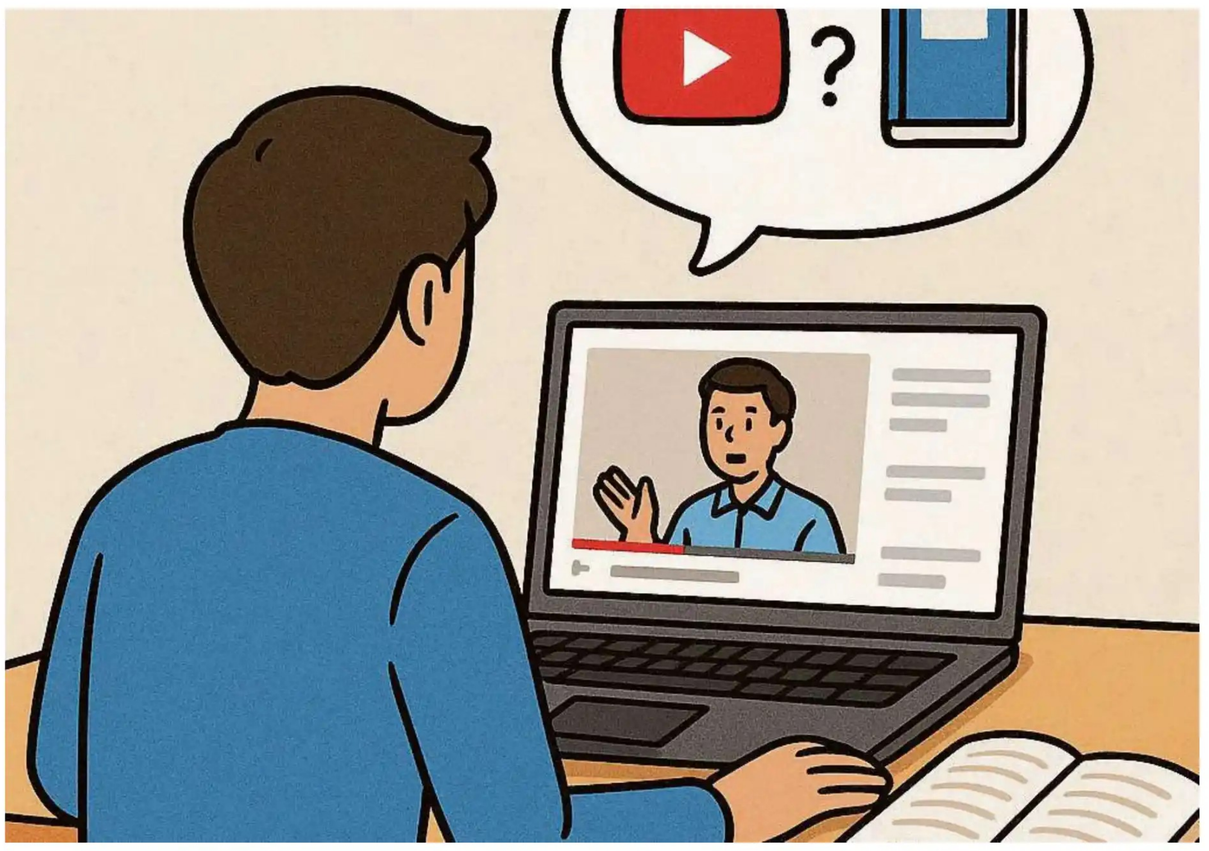
YouTube vs textbooks dilemma

The most effective learners will be those who can use visual content and structured text to reinforce their knowledge, writes Manish Mohta



Digital learning platforms and artificial intelligence(AI)-enabled education have altered the business models of educational institutions. Educational institutions, including universities, exam bodies, and academic departments, will increasingly use digital platforms for assessments, evaluation, and student lifecycle management. As digital technology becomes commonplace, student interaction and behaviours are correlating with the campus's innovation. One of the most significant examples is that students are increasingly using YouTube to learn, rather than traditional textbooks.

This transformation prompts us to examine how students learn today, what drives students' decisions, and how educational institutions should prepare for an age in which digital systems and automated evaluations become the norm.

By integrating technology into classrooms, educational institutions have created an experience indispensable to learning today. Institutions that use digital examination platforms, online assessment tools, and AI generate an ecosystem that expects interactivity and visual engagement. Students who interact with this type of ecosystem will naturally use platforms such as YouTube. The use of animations, real-time demonstrations, and dynamic visuals will all enhance students' ability to comprehend complex academic concepts. Visual learning complements the digital-first academic systems adopted by educational institutions and enables students to learn more quickly.

YouTube learning is also a result of a stronger focus on autonomy, reflecting an increase in the use of learner-centred models within learning institutions, including online tests and adaptive evaluation tools. The students are accustomed to flexibility in their study schedules. This has created an environment in which YouTube offers students similar flexibility in managing their studies.

Students can pause, rewind, or speed up videos to review the same material from different instructors and create a study path that best fits them. These changes represent a broader shift in the educational landscape, in which the use of technology and digital platforms to automate testing and academic workflows has moved toward providing students with greater autonomy and accessibility.

The rise of global exposure has also influenced students' YouTube choices, as they seek a more complete picture of how people around the world think and solve problems. Students want access to people from around the world who can share their knowledge, helping them build their own understanding of how others view issues and how they solve similar challenges on YouTube. This form of global exposure supports academic growth more effectively than a single book or source.

So, where does YouTube become unreliable?

- **Credibility:** YouTube does not provide a formal academic review until years after the material is created; therefore, anyone can post content on YouTube, and what constitutes a credible source varies widely. As students prepare for high-stakes exams, they need a textbook that is comprehensive and reliable more than ever. Textbooks provide the foundation for what we aim to accomplish in educational settings where structure, integrity, and rigour are critical.
- **Distraction:** YouTube offers new ways to navigate content, but it also creates many opportunities for distraction. As institutions focus on supporting and creating integrity-driven digital environments for managing and controlling academic assessments, platforms such as YouTube prioritise engagement and high-quality content. In some cases, when students navigate content based on platform recommendations or trends, these distractions can make it harder to maintain disciplined academic study habits. The orderly, structured framework within which institutions create courses of study is very different from this, in which predictability and organisation are the result.
- **Ad-hoc flow:** Traditional textbooks continue to offer greater depth and a more systematic progression than video-based curricula (e.g., YouTube). The comprehensive coverage of syllabi, detailed explanations, and logically sequenced topics, all of which are necessary for successful completion of an assessment in a traditional group setting, are incorporated into the textbook design. In contrast, video-based content (as exemplified by YouTube) typically simplifies information and reduces the number of pages a student must view, enabling them to consume it more quickly. The way video-based content is viewed can also create additional challenges in content coverage when institutions use digital systems, such as standardised assessments, to evaluate students' academic performance.

Need for a hybrid model

As more post-secondary institutions adopt AI-based approaches to evaluating student performance and use digital systems to streamline online testing administration, the academic learning ecosystem will shift toward a hybrid model. Students benefit from a hybrid model, as it effectively combines the strengths of both formats. For example, video formats such as YouTube support conceptual clarity and allow students to view new perspectives and ideas, while also providing a comprehensive understanding of a given subject area.

With this hybrid model, students will have access to both the depth and structure of a traditional textbook and the depth and structure of digitally delivered, examination-oriented coursework, thereby supporting balanced, comprehensive academic growth.

Higher learning institutions are also using digital platforms to replace many existing processes. As higher learning institutions incorporate automation, AI assessment tools, and secure digital systems into their processes, students are turning to online resources for ease of use, accessibility, and flexibility.

However, the current academic structure, content storage, and use of physical textbooks will remain significant requirements for formal learning. The most effective learners will be those who can integrate technology intuitively and with mastery by using visual content and structured text to reinforce their knowledge. As education transitions to a fully digital world, the ability to learn and adapt across multiple media and in balanced ways will ultimately distinguish those who earn successful degrees from those who do not.

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Making interviews more fruitful

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A job interview call kindles hope for any aspiring candidate, and the preparation journey begins. Until the interview, a candidate keeps thinking about the likely questions that may be posed to her and how best to answer them.

It is difficult to determine whether it is of similar seriousness for those who will take the interview. Interviewers, of course, review candidates' profiles. Thinking they are on a higher pedestal, they often feel free to ask anything and everything, including questions irrelevant to assessing the candidate's suitability for the position.

An interview is the most commonly used tool in the HR selection process. When interviewers don't do their job well, the risk of a bad hire increases. As such, it is important for them to be clear about the role's traits and competencies and to ask questions that help assess the extent to which the candidate possesses these attributes.

A good interviewing process has to be crisp and focused, objective, and free of bias.

In a diverse country like India, job aspirants can be from different social, financial and ethnic backgrounds. Not everyone may have the same exposure. Consider a case where a candidate appears shy, while the one next to her exudes dynamism. In general, the latter would be preferred. But thinking critically, can it be guaranteed that this will be the better choice in all cases? Boys and girls from humble backgrounds who have struggled to reach a higher or professional degree may sometimes appear hesitant, and their body language, which is sometimes given disproportionate weight, may not be perfect. None of these should be construed to mean that they are less performing or less productive.

Many interviewers are aware of being impressed or unimpressed by candidates' personality traits or academic performance. A mature approach is to assess only those elements that relate to the role's suitability.

There are a few requirements that apply regardless of the role. For example, every employee

needs to be trustworthy, diligent, and organised.

Interviews are typically conducted with a sense of urgency. There is less time available to interview a large number of candidates. Budgeting this time can be a challenge

If interviewers aren't doing justice to their role, they risk causing injustice on two fronts: a more promising candidate may not be shortlisted, and the organisation may have to compromise on a less suitable candidate. For the organisation, a wrong hire can entail high costs.

Analysing and evaluating the answers

In all interviews, it is essential to be very careful when framing the questions for the interviewee. Equally important is analysing the candidate's responses. Often, after asking a question, interviewers pay insufficient attention to listening to the answers. The performance of a candidate in an interview shouldn't be judged by the number of questions the candidate has answered correctly. The way these answers have been presented also matters. An honest pleading of ignorance is more appreciable than a manipulated or fabricated answer, no matter how confidently the answers are given. Also, it's important to read between the lines when a candidate appears to be hiding something or shows undue confidence.

A mix of open-ended and close-ended questions is considered better in an interview process. In open-ended questions, where the candidate is expected to share her viewpoint on an issue, it's not appropriate for the interviewer to expect ideas or thoughts that match her own. Let's consider the question-'What is the biggest problem before India?' One candidate may name it poverty, while for the other, it may be unemployment. If the questioner believes this to be social and/or economic inequality, it doesn't mean that other answers are incorrect. The focus should be on understanding how the candidate justifies her answer and how clear her understanding of the issue is.

A candidate with substantial accomplishments or extensive extracurricular involvement may find favour with the panellists, but again, how these translate into performance is worth considering. Candidates should not be judged solely on their grades, achievements, or past performance. Evaluating potential is of no less value. In any case, all hiring is done to achieve an organisation's short-term, medium-term, and long-term goals.

The length of experience need not be overstated. A candidate with 5 years of experience is not necessarily a better hire than one with three years of experience. Also, experience in a similar line shouldn't give a candidate an unfair advantage. A candidate who has worked in the HR function of a manufacturing firm shouldn't be considered a misfit for an HR role in a service organisation. Cultural fit is important, but it shouldn't be stretched too far. There are numerous cases of employees from a particular background performing exceedingly well in a different setting. It's more a matter of intent, adaptability and willingness to learn.

It's crucial to ensure the interview doesn't become a question-and-answer session. There should be a holistic approach to developing an understanding of the candidate, with the role requirements in mind, and the interviewer(s) should also be adequately prepared.

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Balanced study, bright results

ALVINA CLARA

Last year, a student I know entered the exam hall with a racing heart and a tense mind. The moment the paper was handed out, the questions she had practised many times suddenly seemed hard, and the formulas she had memorised slipped from memory. Such cases are frequently reported during board exams.

As the February 2026 board exams approach, students face a familiar mix of nerves and motivation. 'Prepare for the worst and hope for the best' is a mindset that can help them navigate the phase. A structured plan that blends focused study sessions with intermittent rest and reassurance can help them prepare effectively and perform better on exam days. Here is a guide.

- **Smart preparation to reduce stress:** Create a realistic study schedule that breaks each subject into small, manageable blocks. Aim for 2–3 focused study sessions per day, each lasting about 45–60 minutes in a quiet and secluded room of the house. Prioritise learning weak areas, but keep revising strong topics. Establish a weekly routine with fixed wake-up times, meal plans, study sessions, short breaks, and a consistent bedtime to build momentum.
- **A calm learning environment:** A clutter-free desk with all necessary stationery within reach and minimal distractions can aid concentration. Keep the study area well-lit and ventilated. Ensure the study space is free of noise and distractions. Practice past papers under timed conditions and look for patterns in questions. Explaining topics aloud as if teaching someone else can help reinforce understanding. Compile concise notes or flashcards for definitions, formulas, and key points to speed up revision in the days to come.
- **Keep health and energy in check:** Exam periods are undoubtedly stressful. Anxiety and tension can diminish your health and energy levels, which are very crucial both before and during examinations. So, aim for at least 7–8 hours of unperturbed sleep each night. Eat nutrient-rich meals and wholesome snacks between study blocks to maintain energy. Stay hydrated and include short physical activity like a brisk walk, dance or light stretching.

- **Revision rhythms:** In the final weeks, shift to high-yield revision. Use flashcards, key formulas, and succinct topic summaries to recall what you've learned. Do full mock tests every few days and review errors carefully. Review the weekly study plan and adjust as needed to ensure all topics are covered. On the day before the exam, keep a light schedule — no heavy new topics, just quick reviews and a good night's sleep to ensure readiness and vitality.
- **Keep calm during exams:** After exhaustive preparations, you need to stay quiet to prevent stress from making you forget what you've learned. A calm breathing routine — inhale and exhale — can help you keep calm before attempting each exam. During the exam, glance through all questions first, start with sections you know well to manage time carefully, and return later to attempt tricky questions rather than squandering precious minutes. Visualise success. Imagine completing all answers confidently and have faith you will fetch good marks. After exams, a short rest ritual, such as a brisk walk in nature or a nap, can refresh the mind before beginning the next study session.
- **Parental support:** Celebrate your child's efforts and foster a can-do attitude. Help them maintain a healthy routine with nutritious meals and undisturbed sleep. Stock healthy snacks and water near the study table. Encourage open conversations about what's working and areas of improvement, and assure they always have your back. If anxiety or stress escalates, get them onto short-guided relaxation activities to get on track. Checking on them during study hours can reinforce learning without escalating tension. Also emphasise that exams are the gate to the future, but not the sole measure of success in life.

When students feel supported by their parents, they tend to perform more confidently on exam day, pass with flying colours, and carry that confidence into their ongoing academic journey.

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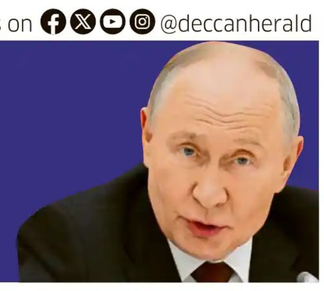

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MGNREGA to go; govt to bring in new rural job law

Centre-states cost-sharing ratio to be 60:40 in new law

NEW DELHI, DHNS & PTI

The Narendra Modi government is set to introduce in Parliament a new rural employment guarantee law — the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) Bill, 2025, which aims to scrap the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MGNREGA), and proposes major changes in its funding mechanism.

Under VB-G RAM G, states will have to share the financial burden for implementing the rural job guarantee programme, while MGNREGA was an entirely centrally funded scheme.

MGNREGA, which was passed as the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in 2005 by the Manmohan Singh-headed UPA government, was renamed in 2009, though the provisions of the statute remained largely unchanged except for the scope of work that could be conducted under the programme.

According to a copy of the new Bill, it will provide a statutory guarantee of 125 days of employment in a financial year.

3 crucial Bills tabled

The Modi government on Monday tabled three crucial Bills in Lok Sabha aiming to open the nuclear power sector to private players, regulate higher education and repealing some redundant laws even as it held back one that seeks to massively tweak the MGNREGA and rename it. P.8

Andhra govt studying Bill

Even as concerns mount over the Centre's VB-G Ram G Bill, 2025, which is expected to impose an additional financial burden on states through its cost-sharing provisions, the TDP-led Andhra Pradesh government said it is still examining the draft legislation.

Oppn protests name change

The 'VB-G RAM G Bill 2025', seeking to repeal MGNREGA and replace it with a new rural employment law, attracted criticism from the Opposition which questioned why the government is removing the name of the Father of the Nation.

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The Bill, which was passed by the Union Cabinet last week, proposes that the Centre and states share costs in a 60:40 ratio for all states and Union Territories with legislatures.

However, for North-Eastern and Himalayan states, the funding pattern will remain 90:10 between the Centre and the states. Union Territories without a legislature will get 100% Central funds.

At present, according to the MGNREGA framework, the Union government bears the full cost of wages for unskilled manual work, up to three-fourths of material costs, and three-fourths of wages for skilled and semi-skilled workers. While the new Bill alters the funding structure, it retains the existing wage rates as notified under Section 6 of MGNREGA.

According to the proposed legislation, it will be a centrally sponsored scheme, and every state government will have to prepare a scheme for giving effect to the guarantee proposed under this Bill, within a period of six months from the date of the implementation of the Act.

The Centre would make allocation for each state, to be estimated based on certain parameters. Expenditure exceeding the approved normative allocation shall be the responsibility of the states.

The Bill, for the first time, bans VB-G RAM G-related works in agricultural seasons. It empowers states to notify periods covering sowing and harvesting seasons during which works under the scheme will not be undertaken, to ensure availability of farm labour.

The scheme will be managed by a Central Gramin Rozgar Guarantee Council, formed by the Union government.

Earlier, MGNREGA would be handled directly by the rural development ministry without any special council or body.

The Centre will also form a National-Level Steering Committee to recommend decisions relating to normative allocations to states and to advise on matters requiring inter-ministerial consultation.

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Study on to unravel Parkinson's mimicker

Nimhans research to build India's 1st large data set on disease

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The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (Nimhans) has launched a major new study to understand a group of brain diseases which mimics Parkinson's.

Known scientifically as atypical Parkinsonian syndromes (APS), these diseases act like Parkinson's disease, but are much more aggressive and progress faster.

They are responsible for a rapidly worsening and paralysing set of symptoms, where individuals experience a range of psychological and behavioural disturbances, collectively referred to as neuropsychiatric symptoms.

The study, named 'ATPARK', aims to build India's very first large, detailed set of information on these diseases, which include serious illnesses like progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) and multiple system atrophy (MSA).

Atypical Parkinsonian syndromes (APS)

- Act like Parkinson's
- More aggressive, progress faster
- Shorter survival rates
- Doctors don't fully understand what causes APS
- Individuals experience a range of psychological and behavioural disturbances
- Very little research

According to researchers, APS are often accompanied by significant psychosocial challenges, including caregiver burden and family dysfunction.

Addressing these needs requires the involvement of a multidisciplinary team comprising occupational therapists, physiotherapists, social workers, psychologists and speech-language pathologists, among others.

Unfortunately, current treatments for atypical Parkinsonian syndromes are limited.

Unlike Parkinson's, APS lead to a rapid decline, with shorter survival rates. And doctors still don't fully understand what causes them.

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Policeman killed, ultra hurt in J&K gunfight

JAMMU, DHNS: A policeman was killed and a terrorist believed to be injured in a gunfight in a remote forest village in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday evening, officials said.

The gunfight has stopped but the area has been put under tight security cordon and all escape routes have been plugged.

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NIA chargesheets LeT, TRF in Pahalgam attack case

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has named Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative Sajid Jatt, a native of Kasur district in Pakistan's Punjab province, as a key conspirator behind the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that left 25 tourists and a local civilian dead, formally tracing the plot to handlers operating from across the border.

An NIA team arrives to present the charge sheet, in Jammu, on Monday. PTI

In a 1,597-page charge sheet filed before the NIA Special Court in Jammu ahead of the statutory deadline under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the agency has named seven accused, including Jatt, describing him as a Pakistan-based handler who coordinated the attack through Lashkar-e-Taiba and its proxy outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF).

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Dense fog causes delay of 48 flights at KIA

BENGALURU, DHNS: Forty-eight flights were delayed at the Kempegowda International Airport due to dense fog on Monday.

The delays primarily occurred between 4.14 am and 10.30 am. Of the 48, two were international flights. Additionally, four flights to Delhi have been cancelled, owing to poor weather conditions there.

The two KIA runways are equipped with the CAT III-B instrument landing system (ILS), which provides support during low visibility. Despite this, flight operations are impacted. Some experts blamed it on the lack of training received by domestic pilots to utilise the available ILS.

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Woman falls from hotel balcony; cops face 'extortion' flak

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 21-year-old woman was critically injured after she allegedly fell from the fourth-floor balcony of a business hotel in Kundalahalli near Marathahalli in the early hours of Sunday, triggering allegations of extortion and misconduct against police personnel.

The incident occurred following a late-night birthday party at a hotel in AECS Layout.

Based on a complaint by the woman's father, Anthony Raj, the HAL police have registered an FIR and launched a detailed inquiry into the role of the hotel management, staff and police personnel.

According to the complaint, the injured woman, an employee of a private company, had checked into the hotel along with a group of eight friends — four women and four men. They booked three rooms. The group reportedly stayed at the hotel till around 5.30 am.

> During the commotion, they (police) tried to barge into the room despite us saying women were inside. They then demanded money. Two of my friends agreed to pay via UPI, but the policemen insisted on cash
>
> **One of the party attendees**

One of the friends, Pawan, alleged that police personnel from the HAL police station arrived at the hotel during the early morning hours, claiming the gathering was causing disturbance to nearby residents. He claimed the policemen video-recorded the group and forced them to come down.

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Manipur: SC asks why entire clip not sent for test

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday asked the government authorities why the entire available leaked audio clip, allegedly revealing the role of former Manipur chief minister N Biren Singh in the ethnic violence in the state, were not sent for forensic examination.

The court said it was "a little disturbed" by the affidavit filed by the petitioners that "states to the effect that only select clippings were sent".

The court asked why the entire clip of 48 minutes was not sent to Gujarat's National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU). The NFSU had virtually given a clean chit to Singh, saying the clips were "tampered with".

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DEMAND SLUMP

Fresher hiring to remain muted in 2025-26: Data

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Fresher hiring is projected to remain muted in 2025-26 due to slump in demand from the IT and technology sector, owing to automation and adoption of AI, among other reasons.

India's engineering colleges produce an average nine lakh BE and B-Tech graduates annually. Of this, an estimated 1,20,000 will be absorbed by the tech sector, which is the same as last year, according to data available with Xpheno, a staffing firm specialised in tech-sector hiring.

The tech sector was earlier projected to hire 1,50,000 freshers this year. However, developments in the US, a key market for the tech industry, has disrupted the plans for the current year as well. In the first six months this fiscal, seven large IT services companies have absorbed a net of 23,000 freshers.

"...The current active demand for entry-level talent in India is under 50,000 across all sectors, with only one-third of it coming from the tech sector," said Kamal Karanth, co-founder, Xpheno said.

The state of fresher and entry-level hiring continues to be under stress as industries attempt to stabilise their talent plans and costs, he said.

Campus hiring has traditionally been driven by the IT sector, specifically the IT services cohort that is known to be the largest contributor to the talent build process in the tech sector.

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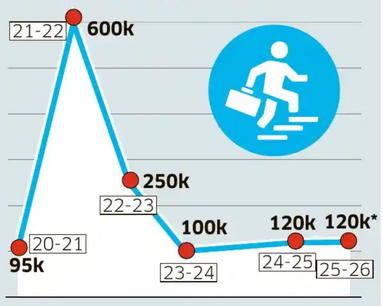
FRESHERS INTAKE TREND & PROJECTION



* FY2025-26 earlier estimates - **150k**
Revised projection - **120k**

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Oman, Egypt top Bengalureans' holiday travel list

Booking trends reveal a clear shift in traveller preferences

AMULLYA SHIVASHANKAR
BENGALURU, DHNS

With holidays approaching, Bengalureans are finalising plans, and booking trends show a clear shift in destinations.

More travellers are choosing Oman and Egypt for international trips. Travel organisers said these destinations are cheaper and less crowded than Dubai.

Why Oman?
- Oman is a cheaper alternative to Dubai.
- Flights, hotels and visas are much cheaper.
- Oman visa costs Rs 2,500, while Dubai visa is Rs 8,000.

Iconic Egyptian monuments – the Giza Pyramids and the Great Sphinx.

Dubai and Bali remain top choices for year-end travel.

"We are receiving many queries and bookings for Oman and Egypt. Oman is a cheaper alternative to Dubai. Flights, hotels and visas are much cheaper. Oman visa costs Rs 2,500 while Dubai visa costs Rs 8,000," said Pratim Akash, proprietor of a tour organising company.

Bhutan and Nepal are also attracting travellers due to affordability, said organisers.

Pilgrim tours

Pilgrim tours to Varanasi, Ayodhya, Prayagraj, and Puri Jagannath are fully booked despite the cold weather, said organisers.

"Pilgrim trips are constant throughout the year. During the holiday season, trips fill within two days of announcing them. Puri has also gained popularity in recent months," said Kiran G, travel organiser.

This year, leisure travel in India is focused on the Northeast and Gujarat. "Meghalaya is a crowd favourite due to Cherrapunji and the growing popularity of India's cleanest village, Mawlynnong," said another tour organiser.

The Rann Utsav in Gujarat, from November to February, has attracted many tourists. The festival blends art, culture, desert safaris, and hot air balloon rides.

In the south, Kerala has topped the charts. State tourism officials confirmed that till January 1, hill stations there are fully booked.

Regal Jewellers celebrates first anniversary

Vibin Shivadas and Pallavi Namdev light the lamp to mark the first anniversary of Regal Jewellers while Shwetha Prasad looks on.

One of Bengaluru's most reputed jewellery destinations, Regal Jewellers is a part of the city's jewellery culture, offering a wide and exclusive variety in gold and diamond jewellery, all at wholesale prices. To commemorate this milestone, Regal Jewellers held an exclusive meet with customers at their store in Kammanahalli that turned a year old on December 13. Actor Shwetha R Prasad attended the event and lit a lamp to mark the first anniversary.

The brand expressed its appreciation to its loyal customers and conducted some fun and engaging activities for them at the store. A fashion show was held at the store where customers got to walk the ramp. A panel of fashionistas chose some among them for their unique style, and gifted them hampers from Regal Jewellers. Make-up experts then offered tips to customers. Many customers interacted with them for tips on make-up and style for different occasions. Some attractive anniversary offers were unveiled too.

Earlier, Vibin Shivadas, Managing Director and CEO, Regal Jewellers, with his wife Pallavi Namdev, and the senior management team of the brand, cut a cake on the occasion. This was followed by an interaction with the media. Vibin thanked the people of Karnataka for their support to the brand. "The trust people have in our brand has helped us offer jewellery at wholesale prices", he said.

DH Regal Jewellers

Actor Shwetha Prasad spoke of the brand's sharp growth in Bengaluru over the past one year and appreciated Regal Jewellers for offering jewellery at wholesale prices.

Actor Radhika Pandit is brand ambassador of Regal Jewellers in Karnataka. The brand has signed up actor Manju Warrier as their ambassador in Kerala.

Regal Jewellers plans to launch more stores across Karnataka to bring their exquisitely-crafted jewellery at wholesale prices to more people.

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BDA resumes underpass work at Kanteerava Studio after 10-year delay

BENGALURU, DHNS

Stalled since 2016, the BDA now aims to complete the underpass within six months. DH PHOTO/PUSHKAR V

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has resumed construction of the long-pending underpass near Kanteerava Studio on the Outer Ring Road.

Work on the project had been stalled for nearly a decade due to delays in acquiring about 43 properties required to complete the project.

An engineer in charge of the project said construction will now be taken up on a full scale, with a target to complete the underpass within six months.

Another BDA official said the project was initiated in 2016, but was halted midway. "Originally, around 60 properties were identified for acquisition. This has now been reduced to 43, and the land acquisition cost alone is estimated at Rs 60 crore," the official said.

Much like the incomplete Ejipura flyover that became fodder for social media memes, the Kanteerava Studio underpass also drew criticism due to prolonged delays. While one end of the underpass was completed, work on the other end could not proceed. The BDA had also dumped debris at the entrance to prevent vehicles from entering the incomplete structure.

The underpass is a crucial link between Peenya and Nandini Layout. The BDA is spending around Rs 40 crore on the construction of the underpass.

Ex-astrophysics institute staff jailed for contempt

Gets four months' imprisonment in each contempt case

BENGALURU, DHNS

The Karnataka High Court has convicted a dismissed Indian Institute of Astrophysics employee for criminal contempt, sentencing him to four months of simple imprisonment in each of two contempt petitions.

K Dhananjay, a resident of Srinagar, Bengaluru, made repeated allegations against members of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) and Karnataka High Court judges.

A division bench of Justice Anu Sivaraman and Justice Vijayakumar A Patil imposed the sentence and a fine of Rs 2,000 in each case in an order passed on December 11. Dhananjay has since been sent to prison.

The first contempt petition was filed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics in 2018; the second was registered by the high court in 2019.

The Indian Institute of Astrophysics alleged that Dhananjay repeatedly made false, reckless, and unsubstantiated allegations against members of the CAT and high court judges in multiple proceedings and representations.

In 2019, the high court registered a suo motu contempt petition, stating that Dhananjay impersonated L Harish Kumar, a union government advocate, by filing a statement of objections with a forged signature in January and February 2019. Kumar, who was unwell at the time, appeared before the court in this case only on March 31, 2019.

In the 2018 criminal contempt petition, the division bench noted that Dhananjay showed no remorse, attempted to justify his actions, and continued making unfounded statements against the judicial institution.

"His conduct can only be termed as deliberate and adamant and reveals complete apathy towards social, moral and judicial codes of conduct. We are of the clear opinion that if conduct of this nature is not punished, persons like the accused are likely to repeat such offences with impunity, which would endanger the rule of law and the judicial system as a whole," the bench said.

In the suo motu proceedings, the bench noted the charge was proved that Dhananjay forged Kumar's signature and filed the objection before the court.

"Having considered the evidence on record, we are of the opinion that the charge that the accused himself had forged the signature of L Harish Kumar and filed the objection before the court stands proved. The conduct of the accused clearly amounts to interference with the process of the court and answers the definition of criminal contempt. Therefore, we hold him guilty of contempt of court," the bench said.

Cops arrest serial molester targeting lone women

BENGALURU, DHNS: A 27-year-old biker who allegedly targeted women walking or riding alone in the evenings and molested them has been arrested by Kamakshipalya police in West Bengaluru.

Vinod T

The accused, Vinod T, a resident of Herohalli, would allegedly approach women tightly hug them and sexually assault them before fleeing. Police said he targeted women who were alone, either on foot or two-wheelers.

A senior police officer said Vinod had been committing such acts for over a month and was emboldened as no victims lodged complaints.

He was arrested after a woman riding her two-wheeler on December 2 filed a complaint. As she slowed near Srinivasa Circle at Sunkadakatte to avoid a pothole, the accused allegedly ran up, held her, and molested her. Her husband, following in a car, tried to catch him, but he escaped.

The victim alerted police by dialling 112. With the help of Hoysala patrol staff, the accused was traced and arrested.

During interrogation, Vinod reportedly admitted to similar offences earlier. He was using a bike without a number plate. CCTV footage helped establish his identity, police said. Further investigation is underway.

Development works at Shantinagar's Mahatma Gandhi Park to begin soon

BENGALURU, DHNS: Shantinagar MLA NA Haris, who inspected various ongoing works in his constituency on Monday, directed officials of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to commence development works at Mahatma Gandhi Park.

He also instructed officials to initiate development works on MG Road and carry out stone matrix asphalt or micro-surfacing to upgrade the road. Noting that white-topping work on Farm Grove Road is currently in progress, he directed that it be completed at the earliest and the road opened to vehicular traffic.

Other projects inspected included Magrath Road and school and college buildings in Austin Town. The MLA also directed officials to remove the mini transfer station and take steps to establish a large solid waste collection unit.

No permission to cut trees at Cantonment station: Police

BENGALURU, DHNS: Environmentalists alerted High Grounds police after JCBs arrived at the Cantonment railway station and unnumbered small trees and saplings were reportedly being cut.

Police reached the spot and clarified that there was no permit from the Forest Department to cut trees in the Cantonment station.

The railway department told an environmentalist present that no trees were being cut and that only shrubs and weeds were being cleared as part of cleaning work. The department is attempting to transform the Cantonment area, a move that will involve cutting 368 grown trees.

The 8.6-acre Cantonment area was declared a heritage site in September, but the order was later rolled back.

3 detained for assaulting RPF staff

BENGALURU, DHNS: Three people were detained on Monday for allegedly assaulting and manhandling Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff, officials said.

RPF personnel were deployed at the Yeshwantpur Railway Station after an alarm chain pulling incident on the Yeshwantpur–Vasco da Gama Express.

"RPF staff responded immediately and approached Coach S3. Upon inquiry, a group of 14 people travelling in the coach objected and did not comply with the instructions," the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), Bengaluru division, South Western Railway (SWR), said in a statement.

"The group manhandled the RPF staff. With additional staff, the situation was brought under control. Three people, found under the influence of alcohol, were detained by the Railway Protection Force and action has been initiated."

Swiss startups set to pilot innovative wastewater technology at Bengaluru STPs

BENGALURU, DHNS: Swiss startups are set to pilot their technology in the BWSSB's Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs).

BWSSB Chairman Ramprasat Manohar V held a video conference with Dr Angela Honegger, CEO and Consul General of Swissnex India, on Monday, a BWSSB statement said.

Manohar said Switzerland is renowned for its wastewater management, and the collaboration with Swiss universities and startups is a welcome step for the city's STPs.

"The partnership will ensure the highest quality of treated water and expose our engineers to global-standard technologies," he said. He said the BWSSB is committed to innovation and has launched a scheme allowing startups to implement new technologies in wastewater management and water supply on a pilot basis.

"This initiative will enable startups to test their 'Proof of Concepts' in a real-world environment and refine their technologies," Manohar said.

Recently, Boson Whitewater launched its pilot at the Kadubeesanahalli STP.

◆ CITY WEATHER ◆

FORECAST
Mist

TEMPERATURES

Maximum	27.0°C
Minimum	15.0°C
Rainfall	--
Humidity	73%
Sunset (Dec 16)	5:56 pm
Sunrise (Dec 17)	6:34 am
Moonrise	2:31 am
Moonset	2:23 pm

(Relevant data recorded at 5.30 pm)
Source: IMD

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GENERAL

Department of Soldiers' Welfare and Rehabilitation, National Soldiers' Memorial Management Trust: Vijay Diwas Commemoration Ceremony; Tejinder Singh, JK Gera, VT Mathew, KV Sarath Chandra; National Soldiers' Memorial; 9 am.

'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Comprehensive Modern Thoughts' Two-day National Symposium: B Ramesh, SM Jayakar, S Mariswamy, Sabir Ahmed Mulla, Appagere Thimmaraju, H Vishwanath, K Sharifa; Bangalore University; 10.30 am.

CULTURAL

'Olacharandi Purana' drama performance: Directed by Archana Shyam; organised by Antaranga; Kalagrama, Mallathahalli; 7 pm.

'Kurukshetra' Drama Performance: Sindhu Bhairavi Kala Tanda Trust; Senior Citizen's Garden, Bayalu Rangamandira, Hebbal; 10 am.

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शुद्धि पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि **Proposed Construction of District Bar Council Building at Dumka, Jharkhand** से संबंधित दैनिक अखबार में प्रकाशित ई–प्रोक्योरमेन्ट अल्पकालीन नोटिस टेन्डर रेफरेन्स नं०– 34/2025-26/EE/BCD/DUMKA, दिनांक–12.12.2025, **जिसका P.R 368406 Building (25–26)D** है, जिसमें आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता जो निम्नवत् है:–

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01	पूर्व में अग्रधन की राशि Rs.9,61,500/-	वर्त्तमान में अग्रधन की राशि Rs.4,80,700/-
02	पूर्व में कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 11 माह	पूर्व में कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 12 माह

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TENDER NOTICE RAIPUR
DATED: 16/12/2025

Chhattisgarh infotech & Biotech Promotion society invites online proposal from eligible bidders for Selection of an Agency as below:

S No	Tender Description	System Tender No.
1	System Integrator for Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Chhattisgarh (Package-A)	181767
2	System Integrator for Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Chhattisgarh (Package- B)	181768
3	System Integrator for Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Chhattisgarh (Package-C)	181769
4	System Integrator for Implementation and Operation & Maintenance of BharatNet Phase-II Project in the State of Chhattisgarh (Package- D)	181770

The Information cum Tender document can be downloaded from **website http://eproc.cgstate.gov.in & http://chips.gov.in**

S-46247/1 CEO,CHiPS

Rail Wheel Plant/Bela
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E-Open Tender Notice No:- S/RWP/E/2025-26/16 dated: 11.12.2025. Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender"**, through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **SN: 1, Tender No.:** 02255225A, **Short Description of item:** Servo Motor, **Quantity:** 05 Nos., **Date of Tender Closing/Opening:** 26.12.2025 at 14:00 Hrs. **1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in**. **2.** The prospective firms/bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum/ Corrigendum/Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. **For PCMM/RWP/Bela**
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum-2 to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/133/2025 Dated : 29-07-2025

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
RFP for Construction of New Broad Gauge line including Electrical, Signal & Telecommunication works between Jumlapur Road (Excl) Ch: 75400 and Gurgunta (incl) Ch: 134950 (59.55 km) under Gadag - Wadi New line Project on EPC Mode. **(Tender Ref. No. JUMLAPUR-GURGUNTA-EPC)**	Rs. 964,51,54,197/-

Date of Closing	
Existing	Modified
29-12-2025 (15:00 Hrs.)	12-02-2026 (15:00 Hrs)

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

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EASTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: 222-S/1/DEN-3/W-II, dated: 12.12.2025. Following e-tenders are invited online by the Divisional Engineer/III, Eastern Railway, 2nd Floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Sealdah, Kolkata-700014 for the following works: **Sl.No.**-1. **Tender No.: TN-160-25-26. Name of the work:** Different track maintenance work along with all ancillary work in Senior Section Engineer/P.Way/Ranaghat under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer/ Ranaghat. **Tender value**: ₹ 1,11,87,403.41. **Earnest Money Deposited**: ₹ 2,05,900. **Sl.No.**-2. **Tender No.: TN-161-25-26. Name of the work:** Different track maintenance work along with all ancillary work in Senior Section Engineer/P.Way/ Beldanga under the jurisdiction of Assistant Engineer/ Berhampore Court. **Tender value**: ₹ 1,12,99,919.05. **Earnest Money Deposited**: ₹ 2,06,500. **Date and time of closing of tender :** 09.01.2026 at 15.00 hrs. (for Sl.No. 1 & 2). **Completion period for the work:** 12 months (for Sl.No. 1 & 2). The tender documents and other details are at **www.ireps.gov.in**. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through the e-tendering on above website. Manual offers will be summarily rejected. Date and time of opening of tender is **09.01.2026 at 15.30 hrs.** (for Sl.No. 1 & 2).

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP), PODANUR
E-TENDER NOTICE No SGW-S-203-SN-568178-25/1
Dated 12.12.2025

For and on behalf of the president of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023, invites E-Tender for the following work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payment gateway or through available modes as mentioned in Tender document.

Name of work:- Manufacture and supply of Safety Nuts and Bolts for Ground Connection 220mm to implement additional Safety features in Ground Connection and Clamp Point Lock Assembly for 220 mm Stroke Point Machine. (Qty-900 Sets).

2.	Approximate cost of the work	₹.1,54,78,650/- Including GST @ 18%
3.	Earnest money to be deposited	₹.227400/-
4.	Completion period of work	3 Months
5.	Date and time of closing of tender.	15.00 Hrs of 29.12.2025
6.	Website particulars	**www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details, visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore - 641023.

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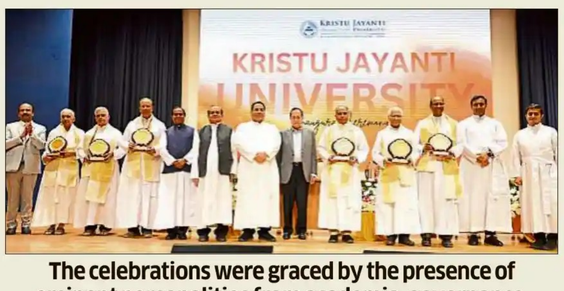
For Chief Workshop Manager S&T Workshop, Podanur

A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

Kristu Jayanti varsity celebrates university status with two-day event

BENGALURU, DHNS



The celebrations were graced by the presence of eminent personalities from academia, governance, and public life. PHOTO: KJU

Kristu Jayanti University (KJU) marked the attainment of university status with a grand two-day celebration on its campus, attended by eminent personalities from academia, governance, and public life.

The celebrations were inaugurated by Padma Bhushan N Ram, former director of *The Hindu*, in the presence of Fr Dr Thomas Chathamparambil, Prior General, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI); Fr Dr Abraham Vettiyangal, Chancellor, KJU; Fr Dr Augustine George, Vice-Chancellor; and Dr Aloysius Edward, Registrar.

The first day featured addresses by Most Rev Anil Joseph Thomas Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, and Armstrong Pame, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Government of India.

The speakers reflected on the role of higher education in nation-building and underscored the university's commitment to academic excellence, values, and social transformation.

Reflecting on the milestone, Fr Dr Augustine George said, "The inauguration of Kristu Jayanti University is not merely the beginning of a new institutional phase, but the fruition of a dream nurtured with faith, perseverance, and collective commitment."

The second day saw the release of the commemorative book *Luminescence–The Silver Journey of Kristu Jayanti*, authored by Fr Dr Augustine George CMI and Fr Joshy Mathew CMI, chronicling the institution's journey from a modest plot of land to a deemed-to-be university.

Prisons DGP inspects Parappana Agrahara Jail

BENGALURU, DHNS: The newly-appointed Director General of Police (Prisons) Alok Kumar on Monday conducted an inspection of the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison amidst allegations that certain inmates were being extended special treatment, and illegal activities in the barracks.

During the visit, Kumar inspected the barracks, kitchen, hospital, bakery unit and the outer premises of the prison. He directed prison officials and staff to strictly adhere to prison rules and regulations and warned of action against any violations.

At the kitchen, Kumar instructed staff to ensure that no unauthorised activities were carried out. At the bakery unit, he expressed displeasure over reports of misuse of yeast to brew illicit liquor inside the prison.

He also reviewed overall prison administration and discussed challenges such as staff shortage and the difficulties in managing inmates.

It is said that during the visit, Kumar also met actor Darshan and his gang enquiring about their court hearing dates. No grievances were raised by Darshan during the interaction.

KREDL wins National Energy Conservation award 2025

BENGALURU, DHNS: Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) has won the National Energy Conservation Award 2025 under State Energy Efficiency Performance Award (SDA Group-1) category.

The award ceremony, organized by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Union Ministry of Power, was held recently as a part of National Energy Conservation Day celebrations. Draupadi Murmu, President of India, presented the award to T D Raje Gowda, MLA and Chairman, KREDL, and K P Rudrappaiah, Managing Director of KREDL, recognizing Karnataka's contributions to energy conservation and efficiency.

Cybercrimes continue to bleed B'luru, Rs 4.83 crore lost daily

Complex modus operandi hitting detection rate

City/ dist (Top 5)	Money lost till November 15, 2025	% share of loss	Cases till November 15, 2025	Detected	Detection rate (%)
Bengaluru	Rs 15,43,14,59,546	75.69	9,326	716	7.68
Bengaluru Rural District	Rs 49,85,01,606	2.45	384	26	6.77
Mangaluru city	Rs 33,78,93,289	1.66	124	10	8.06
Mysuru city	Rs 33,17,70,375	1.63	166	3	1.81
Chikkaballapura District	Rs 28,13,41,709	1.38	191	13	6.81

*Source: Home Ministry

PRAJWAL D'SOUZA
BENGALURU, DHNS

Cybercrimes continue to bleed Bengaluru city, with victims losing an average of Rs 4.83 crore daily this year.

According to data presented by Home Minister G Parameshwara during the ongoing Winter Session, a whopping sum of Rs 1,543 crore is lost by cybercrime victims in the city, as of November 15.

The whole of last year, the city had reported a loss of Rs 1,995 crore, with the residents losing an average of Rs 5.45 crore daily. Bengaluru Rural district came a distant second with Rs 49.85 crore lost to cybercrimes this year.

Bengaluru Rural was followed by Mangaluru city with losses pegged at Rs 33.78 crore, Mysuru city at Rs 33.17 crore and Chikkaballapura district at 28.13 crore.

Investigators said that the trend of victims losing large sums to cybercrimes has been prevalent since 2024. "This has continued even this year," a senior Bengaluru police officer told *DH*.

The officer explained that due to a major change and evolution in the modus operandi employed by cybercriminals, money has been lost on a large scale.

"Nowadays, one seldom comes across cybercrimes like phishing, card skimming, OTP frauds, etc. The maximum money lost to these kinds of crimes would be in thousands or, in some cases, a few lakhs.

But since 2024, sophisticated forms of cybercrimes have emerged," the officer added.

One of the major modus operandi involves fake investment schemes. Here, over a period of several months, the victims are made to believe that they made money through investments in stock markets, only to find out that they were transferring the money to the cybercriminals and their so-called gains were just manipulated on fake mobile apps. Digital arrest is another infamous modus operandi.

"The cybercriminals play with the victims' emotions in such scams. In some cases, they approach the victims as prospective life partners. In others, they claim to be affiliated to reputed financial institutions. In extreme cases like digital arrest scams, victims are held under duress and forced to shell out their money. By the time the scam ends, the victim would be drained both mentally and financially," the officer quoted previously added.

Detection remains low

Last week, *DH* reported that for the first time in two years, Bengaluru city reported a massive drop of 41% in cybercrime cases. Despite this, the detection rate continues to remain below 10%.

As per the Home Ministry data, Bengaluru city's detection rate was 7.68%. Bengaluru Rural had a detection rate of 6.77%, Mangaluru city at 8.06%,

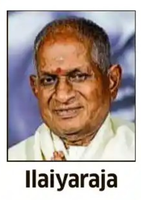
Mysuru city at 1.81% and Chikkaballapura district at 6.81%. Investigators say complex layering of crime proceeds, constantly evolving modus operandi and a huge case backlog were some of the contributors to the measly detection rate.

Ilaiyaraja to perform in Bengaluru for a cause

BENGALURU, DHNS: Akshaya Patra is collaborating with music maestro Ilaiyaraja for a fundraiser music concert next month in Bengaluru.

Called 'Music for Meals', the concert will celebrate 50 years of Ilaiyaraja's musical journey and 25 years of Akshaya Patra.

Ilaiyaraja is known for composing music for movies such as 'Geeta' (1981), 'Nayakan' (1987) 'Thevar Magan' (1992), 'Payanangal Mudivathillai' (1982), 'Thalapathi' (1991) and 'Vaidehi Kathirunthal' (1984), among others.


Ilaiyaraja

Talking about the organisation's milestones, Chanchalapathi Dasa, co-founder and vice-chairperson of Akshaya Patra Foundation, said that they have grown into 78 kitchens in 16 states.

"We are feeding about 23.5 lakh children everyday. Our mission is to make sure no child is deprived of education because of hunger," he said at a press conference on Monday.

Akshaya Patra is one of the not-for-profit organisations that contributes to the PM Poshan scheme, earlier known as the Mid-Day Meal Scheme. Ilaiyaraja recalled beginning his career in Bengaluru as music composer G K Venkatesh's assistant in over 200 Kannada films. "I know the Bengaluru audience very well from my days of working with G K Venkatesh. There is no area in the city I haven't walked in. The Bengaluru you see today is very different from the city I saw," he added.

For every Rs 100 Akshaya Patra receives, Rs 92 goes to the programme and Rs 8 to cover the costs. "That's why we try to keep our costs under tight control," said Sridhar Venkat, CEO of Akshaya Patra Foundation.

'Music for Meals' will be held on January 10, 7 pm onwards at NICE Grounds, Madavara, Bengaluru. Tickets start from Rs 1,500. Tickets online.

BSWML sends plastic waste to cement factories in K'taka, AP

BENGALURU, DHNS

Aiming to reduce the burden on landfills and put plastic waste to better use, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has started approaching cement factories in and around Karnataka.

Low-value plastic (LVP) can be used to produce electricity. There is demand for it in cement factories, where LVP is burnt at high temperatures in cement kilns.

As a first step, BSWML dispatched 160 tonnes of LVP to Dalmia Cement in Kadapa on Monday.

"The agreement is to send 250 tonnes of LVP every day. However, they are ready to take up to 1,000 tonnes per day. Depending on how this works, we will gradually scale up," said Kareegowda, CEO, BSWML.

In return for the LVP, BSWML will receive Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) credits that could earn the company close to Rs 1,000 for every tonne of LVP supplied. EPR is a policy where companies are responsible for recycling or processing the non-biodegradable waste they produce for packaging. "Many companies package their products in plastic bottles and covers. However, they may not be able to collect it back and recycle it. Hence, EPR was introduced.

Low-value plastic waste being transported to a cement factory in Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, on Monday. PHOTO: BSWML

"It is similar to TDR and will help us earn close to Rs 1,000 per tonne of plastic," Kareegowda explained.

Apart from this, close to 150 tonnes is also being sent to the Bidadi waste-to-energy plant, set up as a joint venture by the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL).

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BSWML is also in talks with deputy commissioners of various districts to coordinate and propose the solution to cement factories in their jurisdiction.

Experts question govt's move to relocate Jakkur flying school to Mysuru

NAVEEN MENEZES
BENGALURU, DHNS

When India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru inaugurated the Mysore Flying School at Jakkur Aerodrome in December 1948, he wished the institution "every success" and expressed satisfaction that the Mysore State was becoming "more and more air-conscious". Seventy-seven years later, that vision appears to be under threat.

The government's proposal to relocate Bengaluru's only Government Flying Training School (GFTS) to Mysuru has raised concerns among aviation experts, who fear that the move could mark the beginning of the end for flying operations at the historic aerodrome and open up its 217-acre green space to commercial activities.

Proposals under discussion reportedly range from drone-related activities to large-scale recreational infrastructure, including a golf course and a sports complex.

Aviation experts argue that successive governments have shown a greater interest in exploring alternative uses for Jakkur Aerodrome from a real estate perspective rather than strengthening it as a flying training hub.

They also questioned the logic of moving the training school to Mysuru, where operations would be conducted from an airfield managed by the Airports Authority of India. "The state already owns a dedicated aerodrome at Jakkur. Upgrading the existing infrastructure would cost a fraction of what will be spent in Mysuru, where airspace and runway usage will have to be shared," a source said.

Concerns over the aerodrome's future are not new. Capt Aravind Sharma, who had approached the High Court against the construction of an elevated highway through Jakkur Aerodrome, recalled how defence authorities ensured the rerouting of the same project to protect the Air Force station in Yelahanka.

"At Jakkur, however, the government allowed the runway to be narrowed to accommodate the highway. This project killed the flying school," he said.

Pilots operating out of Jakkur insist that the argument of inadequate runway length is being overstated.

Captain Murali Ramakrishna, who flies three aircraft from the aerodrome, said, "If a 3,000-foot runway can be built on six acres elsewhere, there is no reason why the government cannot create or rebuild a longer runway on a 200-plus acre site," he said.

Some aviation specialists argue that the aerodrome could instead be diversified to include aerospace sports such as paramotoring and paragliding, alongside pilot training, to promote air-mindedness among citizens.

48 flights delayed at KIA due to dense fog

BENGALURU, DHNS: A total of 48 flights were delayed at Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) due to low visibility caused by dense fog on Monday morning.

The delays occurred between 4.14 am and 10.30 am.

Of the 48 flights, two were international and the rest domestic. Four flights to Delhi were also cancelled due to poor weather conditions in the national capital, which affected flight rotation.

The airport has witnessed intermittent delays since early November. As many as 55 flights were delayed on December 13 due to low visibility, while no such disruptions were reported on December 14, an airport representative said.

Both the north and south runways at KIA are equipped with CAT III B, an advanced Instrument Landing System (ILS) designed to support operations during low visibility by providing precise lateral and vertical guidance to pilots.

Despite this, flight operations continue to be impacted during winter mornings. Experts said one of the main reasons is the lack of adequate training among domestic pilots to fully utilise the available ILS.

Sishu Griha Senior School team wins Prajavani Quiz Competition

BENGALURU, DHNS

The team representing Sishu Griha Senior School in Indiranagar won the Prajavani Quiz Championship via a tiebreaker, despite them and National Public School (NPS), Koramangala, scoring equal points.

The quiz competition was held on Monday at the RV Auditorium in Jayanagar. In the five-round contest, the NPS Koramangala team had scored nil in the first two rounds but bounced back in the last two rounds and jumped to first place. However, luck didn't favour them in the tiebreaker.

Despite both teams pressing the buzzer almost simultaneously, Sishu Griha Senior School team's buzzer lit up a fraction of a second earlier, putting the ball on their court and letting them answer. They answered correctly to win the tiebreaker and the championship.

Quiz master Meghavi Manjunath along with participants of the Bengaluru region Prajavani quiz competition. Participants - (standing) - first runner up Vihaan Maheshwari, Ishan Kale, winner Trivikram Keshavan, Vishnu Sriuruganesh, second runner-up Arya Raghavendra, Gowtham Krishnamurthy. (Sitting) consolation prize- Rohan M, Ritvik C N, Pareekshit Ram, Rithvik Rajeev Bharadwaj, Ujwal Krishna, and Sumudha K G. DH PHOTO

Trivikarm & Vishnu of Sishu Griha school team are relieved after winning the nerve-wracking tie-breaker in finals. DH PHOTO

Trivikram Keshavan and Vishnu Shri Uruganesh represented Sishu Griha Senior School, while Vihan Maheshwari and Ishan Kale represented the NPS Koramangala.

Over 150 teams from educational institutions across Bengaluru city and its surrounding districts participated in the competition. Twenty questions were asked in the preliminary round that led to the selection of six teams.

"We answered well from the beginning, but in the final round, when the scores were equal, there was a fear of losing the tiebreaker. I am happy to have overcome the fear and won. Thank you, Prajavani, for organising the event," said both Trivikram Keshavan and Vishnu Shri Uruganesh from Sishu Griha Senior School.

"Initially, we had failed to score, but finally managed to be in first place. Since the points were equal, we had a tiebreaker. The question asked in the tiebreaker was easy, but they pressed the buzzer first. We did not get a chance to answer, but we are not disappointed," said both Vihan Maheshwari and Ishan Kale from NPS Koramangala.

Quiz develops intelligence: Vice-Chancellor

Speaking after inaugurating the competition, Ramesh B, the Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Bengaluru City University (BCU), said that the quiz competition is a process that helps in developing intelligence. "To bring out the hidden potential and intelligence in children, many such efforts are necessary," he said and praised 'Prajavani' for the competition. Ravindra Bhat, Executive Editor (Prajavani), and Deepthi S, the Vice President (Marketing) of Sunbeam Ventures, were present on the occasion.

Quiz rounds

The quiz was held in four rounds - "Orchid Choice," "Desha Suttu Kosha Odu," "Chitra-Vichitra" and "Vishaya Vishesha." Quizmaster Meghavi Manjunath from Quriosity Knowledge Solutions conducted the quiz.

Presented by Orchids The International School, the event was supported by Banking Partner 'SBI', Refreshment Partner 'Mogu Mogu', Special Partner Bhima, and Nutrition Partner 'Nandini.' Poorvika, VIPS, TalentSprint, ICS Mahesh PU College, Super Brain, Margadarshi, The Team Academy, IBMR, Mangalore PU College, Sharada Vidya Mandira and Asianet Suvarna News were the sponsors.

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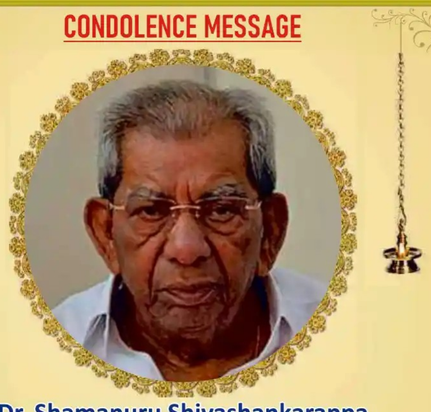

Dr. Shamanuru Shivashankarappa

On behalf of the president **Dr Abdullah Kunhi, Dr Shafi Ahmed** secretary and members of **KRLMPCA** Karnataka Religious Linguistic Minority Professional Colleges Association. We deeply Condole the sad demise of nation's top educationist and the National President of Akhil Bharatiya Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, President of Bapuji Educational Trust **Dr. Shamanuru Shivashankarappa.** His services in the field of education, industries and social service is always memorable. Our heart felt condolence. May his soul rest in peace.

The KRLMPCA office bearers – Mr. Yenepoya Abdullah Kuni (President), Mr. Ziaulla Shariff (Vice President), Dr. S.N.V.L Narshima Raju (Treasurer), Mr. S. Shafi Ahmed (Secretary), Mr. Taj Mohammed Khan (Secretary), Haji U.K Monu (Executive Committee Member), Dr. Nagendra (Executive Committee Member) Dr. Mohan Manghnani (Executive Committee Member), and Mr. C.M Faiz (Executive Committee Member) – express their heartfelt condolences and grief over the sad demise of **Dr. Shamanuru Shivashankarappa**.

Speed of doing business? Only 15% investments realised since 2013

4,423 proposals okayed, only 697 implemented

MANJUNATH HEGDE BOMNALLI & BHARATH JOSHI
BELAGAVI/BENGALURU, DHNS

Only 15% of investment proposals in Karnataka approved since 2013 have materialised, indicating the struggle the state government is facing in ensuring ease of doing business, especially to reduce the time projects take to get started.

Between 2013 and October 2025, the state government gave clearances to 4,423 investment proposals. These promised investments to the tune of Rs 9.26 lakh crore and 20.56 lakh jobs. However, only 697 projects have been implemented, landing investments of Rs 2.17 lakh crore and 4.96 lakh jobs. This is according to data laid in the Legislative Council by Industries Minister M B Patil.

Investments and their implementation

2013-14 to october 2025	North Karnataka	South and coastal K'taka
Projects approved	954	3,469
Expected investment	Rs 3,30,984 cr	Rs 5,95,755 cr
Estimated jobs	3,02,607	17,53,505
Projects implemented	203	494
Investment landed	Rs 1,00,489	Rs 1,17,413 cr
Jobs created	97,715	3,99,107

Source: dept of industries & commerce

Karnataka, which is locked in a race against its neighbours to attract investments, has approved projects worth Rs 5.50 lakh crore and 8.76 lakh jobs under the new Industrial Policy this year. Offering several incentives, the Industrial Policy 2025-30 approved earlier this year, targets investments worth Rs 7.5 lakh crore and the creation of 20 lakh jobs.

The government seems on track to meet the targets, going by the approvals given. But evidently, projects take years to opertionalise.

Since 2013, the government approved 954 investment proposals worth Rs 3.30 lakh crore creating 3.02 lakh jobs in North Karnataka. Of them, only 203 have been implemented, resulting in an investment of Rs one lakh crore and 97,715 jobs. While 91 projects were shelved, the remaining 690 are in "various stages" of implementation.

In the same period, 3,649 projects worth Rs 5.95 lakh crore and 17.53 lakh jobs were approved for South Karnataka and the coastal region. Only 494 of them involving Rs 1.17 lakh crore investment and 3.99 lakh jobs materialised. As many as 317 projects backed out and the rest 2,658 are under implementation.

To a question by BJP MLC D S Arun, Patil specified that Karnataka has not seen a dip in investments.

On investments moving to Telangana, the minister stated: "The government has no official report on industries relocating to other states in the last two years."

Speaking in the Council last week, Patil said the state should shift from ease of doing business to "speed of doing business." He added that investments take 2-3 years to become a reality.

Ashoka wants winter session extended by a week

BELAGAVI, DHNS: Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka on Monday urged Assembly Speaker U T Khader to extend the ongoing Winter Session in Belagavi by one week.

In a letter to Khader, Ashoka said: "Due to some reasons, two of the ten days have passed off (session adjourned after condolences to departed sitting members H Y Meti and Shamanur Shivashankarappa). There are several burning issues of the state that are yet to be discussed. Since we need to find out solutions for all of that, I request you to extend the session by a week."

4 years on, kin of Ch'nagar O2 tragedy victims set to get govt job

CHAMARAJANAGAR, DHNS

Four years after 31 people lost their lives due to alleged shortage in oxygen supply at district hospital in Chamarajanagar, the state government has initiated the process to grant jobs to the kin of the deceased.

The Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (CIMS) has sent letters to the kins/dependents of the deceased to furnish documents necessary for their appointment. The dependants will have to produce death certificate, letter attested by the tahsildar that they are the dependents of the deceased, marriage document, and date of birth certificate. Besides, they should get a letter of consent from other family members for the job, income certificate, caste certificate and conduct certificate from the Police department.

While 10 will be appointed at CIMS, 21 others would be accommodated at the district hospital and in the Health department. Dean and Director of CIMS, Dr H G Manjunath said that the process of collecting applications and documents from the dependants was underway. The proposal will be tabled in the Governing Council meeting. "The appointment letters will be issued once recruitment notification is published," he said.

Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that the district administration was with the families of victims. "We held several meetings and submitted a proposal to the government. The process will be completed soon, she said.

The dependents of the victims and some organisations supporting them had staged protests demanding government `jobs for them.

A total of 40 new Yamaha FZ bikes were gutted after a container truck caught fire on the outskirts of Ballari in the early hours of Monday.

40 new bikes gutted after truck catches fire

BALLARI, DHNS: As many as 40 two-wheelers worth Rs 60 lakh were gutted after a container truck in which they were being transported to showrooms in Ballari and Vijayapura caught fire near Ballari bypass road in the wee hours of Monday.

A total of Yamaha FZ bikes were being transported to Ballari and Vijayapura showrooms from Chennai.

The driver of the truck parked near the bypass late Sunday night and slept inside the truck.

A few passersby spotted fire in the truck at 5 am and alerted the driver, who jumped off the truck. In no time the truck, along with the bike went up in flames.

By the time the firemen arrived at the spot, the truck and bikes were completely gutted. The truck battery is suspected to have sparked the blaze.

The Gandhinagar police said that they would register a case after the officials of the company arrive at the spot.

Health dept awaits result of egg testing; minister says don't panic

'Samples collected and sent for testing'

BENGALURU, DHNS

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Monday said there is no need for people to panic over reports claiming that cancer-causing substances have been detected in eggs.

Recently, a YouTube channel aired a video claiming that certain brands of eggs contain carcinogenic substances. Following this, messages, urging people not to consume eggs, have been widely shared on social media.

DINESH GUNDU RAO
Health Minister

"Egg samples have once again been collected and sent for testing. Further action will be taken once the report is received. In September, we had tested 125 samples. In this, 123 were found to be safe.

Speaking to reporters on the issue, Rao said, "There have been reports circulating that some brands of eggs contain carcinogenic substances. However, in September, we had tested 125 samples. In this, 123 were found to be safe."

"Now, samples have once again been collected and sent for testing. Further action will be taken once the report is received," he said.

He added, "Based on a few reports, it cannot be said that eggs should not be used or consumed. Hence, people need not be worried."

YouTube channel report

The YouTube channel Trustified recently aired a report claiming that eggs of the 'Eggoz' brand contain an antibiotic called nitrofurans.

The channel said that when the company's eggs were tested, 0.73 micrograms of nitrofurans and their residues were detected, and it shared the test report along with the news.

Commenting on the issue, a doctor said that nitrofurans are carcinogenic substances. The anchor stated, "Eggoz claims that there are absolutely no antibiotics in its eggs. But this report proves that claim to be false."

Following this, the Eggoz company faced criticism on social media. In response, the company released its own egg test reports on its official X (formerly Twitter) account, stating that all components found in the eggs were within the prescribed permissible limits.

National Herald case: DKS seeks FIR copy from Delhi police

NEW DELHI, DHNS

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Monday said he has sought an FIR copy from the Delhi police regarding their notice for him to appear before them in the National Herald case.

"I have sought the FIR copy against me from the Delhi police. After reading it, I will seek time to appear before them," Shivakumar told reporters here.

"I don't know why the Delhi police summoned me. Once I read the FIR, I will know what the case against me was," he said.

Earlier, the Delhi police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) issued a notice to Shivakumar and his brother-Bangalore Rural former MP D K Suresh, directing them to furnish financial and transactional details by December 19.

The police also sought complete details regarding his personal background and association with the Congress party.

The National Herald case originated from a complaint filed by former M P Subramanian Swamy, alleging misuse of funds by Congress leaders and companies linked to Associated Journals Ltd (AJL).

To a question on meeting Congress top brass, Shivakumar said, "During the lunch hosted by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Sunday at the Congress headquarters ahead of the Vote Chori rally, I met all leaders, including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi."

Shivakumar travelled with Kharge on a special flight from Delhi to Davangere on Monday to attend the funeral of senior Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa, who passed away on Sunday.

Experts attribute cold wave-like situation in state to La Nina conditions & Siberian winds

BENGALURU, DHNS

People warm up themselves before a fire as mercury plummets in Chikkamagaluru on Monday.

The researchers from Bangalore University and India Meteorological Department (IMD) Bengaluru have termed the cold wave-like situation in Karnataka over the last week as one of the rare events.

"The week of December 8 to December 14 came as a meteorological shock that sent shivers from the frost-tipped landscapes of Bidar to the foggy streets of Bengaluru. It was a rare and intense cold wave that rewrote the climatological script for the decade," the researchers noted in an analysis.

Analysing the situation, they attributed the event to La Nina conditions and Siberian wind. The La Nina conditions resulted in cooler-than-average sea surface temperatures and acted as a conductor for the planetary weather orchestra by strengthening the trade winds and modifying the global circulation pattern, they said.

Explaining how the Siberian winds had a major role to play, the analysis noted that they were blocked by the Himalayas and as a result, air escaped out of its usual boundaries. Siberian High is a massive, semi-permanent collection of cold, dry air that accumulates over northern Asia.

"A perfect synoptic storm facilitated this southward migration of cold air. A robust high-pressure cell established itself over Central India, while a weak low-pressure area loomed over the Bay of Bengal. Nature abhors a vacuum, and air naturally flows from high to low pressure; this gradient acted like a giant funnel, driving dry northerly winds deep into the heart of Peninsular India," the researchers said.

The data recorded by the India Meteorological Department during this week showed that the North Interior Karnataka was bearing the brunt of this climatological changes as Vijayapura recorded seven degrees Celsius and Bidar touched 7.4 degrees Celsius, nearly 8 degrees Celsius less than the normal.

Even Bengaluru, usually insulated by its urban heat, saw temperature at airport plunge to 12.9 degrees Celsius.

While the winds brought the cold air to Karnataka, the extreme severity of the freeze was dictated by the microscopic physics of the boundary layer, specifically a process known as nocturnal radiative cooling. Still air also had a role to play, the researchers said.

The analysis was published by Professor Kamsali Nagaraja, Department of Physics, Bangalore University and Chanabasanagouda S Patil, Scientist, IMD Bengaluru.

Lapses in electoral system during Nehru's era too: Gowda

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Taking a potshot at the Congress for targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi through its "Vote Chori" campaign, former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda on Monday said that lapses in the electoral system had occurred even when Jawaharlal Nehru was prime minister.

"Why am I saying this? Because during the Nehru period also, there were certain lapses in the electoral system," said Deve Gowda, who was part of the Congress party from 1953 to 1962.

The JD (S) leader also cited a letter written by the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru regarding the inclusion of "18,000 votes" (voters) in Kerala.

Participating in a discussion on election reforms in the Rajya Sabha, he criticised the Opposition for mocking the PM on public platforms.

The Opposition parties would "suffer" if they continued to raise allegations of "vote chori" and create suspicion in the minds of voters by blaming the Narendra Modi-led government.

The country has faith in Narendra Modi, and even in the next Lok Sabha polls, Modi will return to power with a thumping majority in 2029, Gowda said.

He said, "You are going to suffer in the coming days. You are not going to win the battle."

He pointed out that the Congress party had faced defeat in the recent Bihar elections despite raising concerns about lapses in the electoral rolls.

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Shamanur laid to rest with full state honours

DAVANGERE, DHNS: Veteran Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa was laid to rest with full state honours on the premises of Kalleshwara rice mill in the city on Monday evening. Earlier, the leader's body was taken out in a procession and after it reached the mill premises, the police fired three rounds in the air as mark of respect to the departed soul.

The last rites were performed by his three sons S S Bakkesh, S S Ganesh and District in-charge Minister S S Mallikarjun in the presence of seers from various mutts and as per the Veerashaiva Lingayat customs. Shamanur's daughter-in-law and MP Prabha Mallikarjun and family members were present on the occasion.

That apart, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, ministers, state BJP Unit president B Vijayendra were among those who attended the funeral.

Hike Ayushman Bharat coverage: Dr C N Manjunath

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Dr C N Manjunath, Lok Sabha MP from Bangalore Rural, on Monday urged the Centre to increase the coverage for each family under Ayushman Bharat scheme from the current Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7.5 lakh.

Pointing out that the scheme had now been extended to include those aged over 70, Dr Manjunath pointed out that they were prone to have multiple co-morbidities that required frequent treatment.

MGNREGA to go; govt to bring...

Rural job, From Page 1

The ministry said digital attendance, digital payments and data-driven planning will increase efficiency.

The wage rate would be specified by the Union government through a notification. The Bill says it should not be less than the prevailing wage rates under the MGNREGS.

Unemployment allowance would be given if an applicant is not provided work within 15 days, which will have to be paid by the state government. A comprehensive digital ecosystem, including biometric authentication at various levels, global positioning system or mobile-based worksite monitoring, proactive public disclosures, and artificial intelligence for planning, audits and fraud risk mitigation, will be used. The states too, will have steering committees.

The scheme allows the panchayats at the district, intermediate and village levels to be the principal authorities for implementation of the scheme made under this Act and District Programme Coordinators will be appointed for implementing the scheme.

The VB-G RAM G Bill proposes to establish a "rural development framework aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, by providing a statutory guarantee of 125 days' wage employment in every financial year to every rural household from an existing 100 days".

Farmer suicides in state on the decline over past two years

Minister attributes trend to success of govt schemes

BELAGAVI, DHNS

Notwithstanding the devastating floods that wrought havoc in North Karnataka, fewer farmers have taken the extreme step of ending their life this year compared to the last two years. Data shows that incidence of farmer suicide in Karnataka has dropped by 50% this year compared to the numbers from the last two years.

Replying to a query on the subject from BJP MLA Arvind Bellad, Agriculture Minister N Chaluvarayaswamy informed the House that 377 farmers had committed suicide across the state in 2025-26 till November 15. The previous year, the number was 1,178, while 1,254 farmers ended their life in 2023-24.

Notwithstanding the decline in the numbers, Karnataka still took the second place for farmer suicides in the country on the National Bureau of Crime Records list. Chaluvarayaswamy said that the marked decrease in the number of farmer suicides attested to the reach and success of the state government's schemes.

Data collated by Karnataka authorities shows that farmer suicides were higher in North Karnataka than in other parts of the state this year, with Kalaburagi registering the most cases, at 40, followed by Belagavi (36), Haveri (35), Mysuru (32) and Hassan (27). Interestingly, Kolar, Bengaluru Rural and Dakshina Kannada districts have reported zero instances of farmer suicide, while Kodagu, Chikkaballapura, Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru South have each reported one case.

The following are some of the reasons for deferring payment of compensation to the bereaved kin of farmers:

- Closure of accounts
- Accounts have reached maximum credit limit
- Non-mapping of NPCI
- Aadhaar not mapped to bank accounts
- Accounts either blocked or frozen

Sharp decline in 2025-26

Year	Farmer suicides reported	No. of compensation applications Rejected
2023-24	1,254	164
2024-25	1,178	157
2025-26*	377	46

*Till November 15, 2025

Applications submitted by the bereaved kin of 46 farmers for compensation have been rejected, while the government is reviewing the applications of 331 others. As many as 310 applications have thus far been considered for awarding compensation. While the government disbursed Rs 54 crore in compensation in 2023-24, Rs 44.8 crore was expended in 2024-25. So far in 2025-26, Rs 9.65 crore has been awarded in compensation.

In his reply, the minister cited a recent circular issued by the Finance Department, underscoring the lack of provisions to disburse compensation to those who had applied for relief in the previous years.

A committee headed by Additional Deputy Commissioners has been formed in each district to ensure the bereaved kin of farmers receive compensation, said Chaluvarayaswamy. "We are awarding Rs 5 lakh in compensation to the families based on the report submitted by the respective Assistant Commissioners," he added.

State president of the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene Kodihalli Chandrashekar, however, called out the government's failure to bolster farmers' confidence. While acknowledging the decline in the number of farmer suicides, Chandrashekar said that the government had failed to resolve pressing issues. "Let the government disclose the total number of farmer suicides reported in the state since the Congress came to power. If this government is really concerned about farmers, let them implement the Dr Swaminathan Committee report, and formalise the Market Support Price scheme," he added.

Study on to unravel Parkinson's...

Nimhans, From Page 1

Globally, there is very little research that tracks these patients over many years, known as a longitudinal study. Experts note there is "hardly any from Asia and none from India".

Dr Ravi Yadav, the lead researcher and a professor at dept of neurology, told *DH* that by focusing on a population that hasn't been studied before, the project aims to find unique clues, or biomarkers (warning signs in the body), that are specific to the Indian population.

The ATPARK study will follow 400 patients across various subtypes of the illness. They will be tracked and tested at least three times over a period of years.

The researchers will use a variety of advanced, state-of-the-art tests to look for these crucial warning signs

The deep-dive body check is one where the team will analyse blood and brain fluid (cerebrospinal fluid or CSF) samples to look at the patients' DNA, proteins and signs of inflammation.

This is like searching for tiny, molecular clues about why the disease progresses.

The advanced scans are when the patients will undergo detailed MRI scans of the brain. They will also use an advanced eye scanning technique called optical coherence tomography (OCT) , a simple eye scan that researchers predict could be a valuable way to track the disease without a brain biopsy.

Finally, during the clinical assessments, doctors will conduct thorough checks on the patients' balance, movement and thinking skills. They will also perform in-depth sleep studies (using polysomnography or PSG) to see how sleep patterns are affected, as this can often be an early sign of neurodegenerative disease.

AI to speed up diagnosis

A key element of the study is the use of artificial intelligence (AI), specifically machine learning (ML) tools. Since long-term tracking will generate a huge amount of data, researchers will feed it into the AI. The ATPARK study has secured funding from the Pratiksha Trust and started in February 2024, with data collection planned to run until the end of 2029.

The goal is for the AI to learn how to help doctors diagnose the specific type of atypical Parkinsonism sooner, tell the "mimicker" diseases apart from true Parkinson's disease and speed up the development of better drugs and clinical trials in the future.

Namma Bengaluru Challenge to announce top 10 climate innovators in January

BENGALURU, DHNS: The top 10 finalists of 'UnboxingBLR's Namma Bengaluru Challenge 2026' will be announced in the first week of January.

Now in its second edition, the challenge focuses on finding solutions to Bengaluru's climate problems.

The challenge arose from Bengaluru's culture of seeking solutions, said Malini Goyal, cofounder and CEO of UnboxingBLR. "When people of Bengaluru see a problem, they also see an opportunity to solve it. We wanted to bring startups together to address the city's challenges," she said.

The topic was disclosed in October. This edition focuses on climate change. Startups were asked to find solutions in four categories: air pollution, construction, waste management, and water and sanitation.

Of the 600 entries received, 44% focused on waste management, 32% on water and sanitation, 18% on sustainable construction, and 6% on air pollution; 15 finalists were shortlisted for innovation, go-to-market strategy, and implementation.

The technical jury will choose the top 10, who will then pitch their solutions to the final jury on January 24. Five winners will be selected.

Winners will receive a grant of Rs 25 lakh each and support for six-month pilot deployments with government, private sector, and civil society partners in B'luru.

Woman falls from hotel balcony...

Extortion, From Page 1

"During the commotion, they tried to barge into the room despite us saying women were inside. They then demanded money. Two of my friends agreed to pay via UPI, but the policemen insisted on cash," Pawan alleged.

Amid the confusion, the woman allegedly panicked and ran towards the balcony, from where she fell to the ground. She sustained multiple injuries and was rushed to a private hospital, where her condition is said to be critical.

A senior police officer from the Whitefield Division said the group checked into the hotel around 1.30 am and was playing loud music and dancing under the influence of alcohol.

"Residents called the police helpline (112) complaining of nuisance and disturbance to their sleep. Our personnel, wearing body cameras, knocked on the door and found all of them in one room dancing," the officer said.

The policemen allegedly advised the group about disturbing neighbours and asked some of them to come to the reception to provide identity details to initiate police action. "During this time, the woman allegedly tried to escape from the balcony by sliding down using a sewage pipe. She lost control and fell near the compound wall," the officer said. He added that the department was also examining allegations that policemen demanded money from the group. "If any misconduct is found during the internal inquiry, disciplinary action will be initiated," the officer said.

Speaking to *DH*, Anthony Raj, a resident of Kundalahalli Colony, said his daughter had gone to attend a friend's birthday party and that her cousin was also present at the hotel. "Her cousin told us that she got scared when the police arrived and started recording videos. Out of fear, she ran towards the balcony and fell down," he said.

Raj also questioned the safety standards at the hotel. "She fell from the fourth floor, but the height and structure of the balcony must be examined. The hotel staff did not help her or take responsibility after the incident. The police must investigate the exact cause and fix responsibility. She had recently joined work in a private company after completing her BBA," he added.

Meanwhile, property owner Shekar Padala told *DH* that the group had checked in after providing valid identity documents. "We do not know what happened after the police came and started checking the rooms. We have adequate security measures in place and have shared the CCTV footage with the police," he said. HAL police said a comprehensive probe is under way to ascertain the sequence of events and determine accountability before initiating legal action.

NIA chargesheets LeT...

NIA, From Page 1

The April 22 attack took place at Baisaran meadow, a popular tourist destination near Pahalgam often referred to as "mini Switzerland", when heavily armed terrorists opened fire on visitors during peak tourist season. The killings triggered nationwide outrage and dealt a severe blow to Kashmir's tourism.

In a significant legal step, the NIA has formally charged both LeT and TRF as terrorist entities in the case, invoking provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Arms Act, 1959, and multiple sections of the UAPA, including those related to waging war against India. Officials said the charge sheet is supported by forensic, digital and technical evidence collected over nearly eight months.

The agency has also named three Pakistani terrorists killed in an encounter during 'Operation Mahadev' at Dachigam, on the outskirts of Srinagar, in July. They were identified as Faisal Jatt alias Suleman Shah, Habeeb Tahir alias Jibran, and Hamza Afghani, all affiliated with the banned LeT.

According to the NIA, two local residents of Pahalgam — Parvaiz Ahmad and Bashir Ahmad Jothar — were arrested on June 22 for allegedly harbouring the terrorists and providing logistical support. During interrogation, the duo disclosed the identities of the gunmen and confirmed that the attackers were Pakistani nationals who had infiltrated across the Line of Control (LoC).

Investigators said the attackers received ground support in south Kashmir, enabling them to strike a crowded civilian location before fleeing. The probe, registered as RC-02/2025/NIA/JMU, concluded that Pakistan continues to sponsor terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir through proxy outfits like TRF, which was created to give a local façade to Pakistan-based groups following the abrogation of Article 370.

The Pahalgam killings were followed by a sharp escalation in tensions between India and Pakistan, culminating in a four-day limited military confrontation from May 7 to May 10. While Pakistan has denied any role in the killings, Union Home Minister Amit Shah later told Parliament that the involvement of Pakistan-based LeT operatives in the attack had been established. The NIA said further investigation is ongoing, even as the case now moves into the trial phase.

Fresher hiring to remain muted...

Hiring, From Page 1

The tech sector's intake volumes, against the backdrop of India annually producing around 9 lakh BE, B-Tech graduates, remains a concern, Karanth added.

Of the 9 lakh graduates, 2.30 lakh are computer science graduates and another 13,000 are from top engineering colleges like IITs, NITs, BITS and other top-tier institutes. The cream of these will get jobs, while the remaining graduates will end up doing some kind of sales jobs in other industries, he said.

Jayesh Sanghrajka, CFO, Infosys said during the earnings call recently that the company intends to recruit 20,000 freshers and has hired 12,000 of them during the first six months of the fiscal.

Echoing Karanth's views, Kapil Joshi, CEO, IT Staffing, Quess Corp, said fresher hiring has dropped considerably over the last couple of years, owing to a shift in technology such as AI, automation, cybersecurity, and data science, among others.

"IT services companies no longer hire freshers in big numbers for coding, testing, and support roles compared to a few years ago. These companies are not hiring freshers owing to a lack of large contracts and visibility of long-term deals, which are margin-accretive," Joshi said.

Other factors like geopolitical developments and moderation in attrition are also adding to a drop in fresher hiring, he added.

◆ WEATHER ◆

Overview: Dry weather prevailed over Coastal Karnataka, South Interior Karnataka and North Interior Karnataka

Forecast Dec 16: Dry weather likely to prevail over the state.

INTERIOR NORTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Belagavi	28	11.2	00
Bidar	27	10	00
Vijayapura	29	11	00
Dharwad	27.2	10.2	00
Haveri	29.2	10	00
Kalaburagi	31.8	15	00
Raichur	29	12.8	00
COASTAL			
Honnavar	34.7	19.6	00
Karwar	35.2	19.4	00
Shirali	NA	NA	NA
Mangaluru	33.6	19.2	00

INTERIOR SOUTH

Stations	Max	Min	Rain
Agumbe	NA	11.1	00
Bengaluru	27.5	14.6	00
Ballari	NA	NA	NA
Chamarajanagar	NA	NA	NA
Chikkamagaluru	NA	NA	NA
Chitradurga	28	15.1	00
Davangere	29	10	00
Hassan	28.1	10.1	00
Mysuru	29	14	00
Madikeri	NA	NA	NA
Kolar	28.2	11	00

OTHER STATIONS

New Delhi	24	10	00
Kolkata	28.4	16	00
Mumbai	33.1	16.9	00
Chennai	29.5	20	00
Pune	29.2	09	00
Hyderabad	29.2	13.8	00
Th'puram	32.7	21.2	00

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E-Tender Notice	URSC/C and MG/ACMD/0051/ETN-07/2025-26 Dt.12.12.2025
Estimated cost put to Tender	₹ 16.56 Lakhs
Tender Document Details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	180 days / 06 months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10:30 Hrs. on 15.12.2025 to 16:30Hrs. on 29.12.2025
Bid clarification	From 11:00 Hrs. on 15.12.2025 to 17:00 Hrs. on 31.12.2025
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification.	Upto 17:00hrs on 01.01.2026
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 08.01.2026
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	After 15:00 Hrs. on 08.01.2026
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E-Tender: On behalf of the President of India, the Principal Chief Mechanical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).

Tender No.: RWF/M/OT/AFS/2025-26/69 **Dtd:** 15.12.2025. **Name of the Work:** Shifting of Blooms from existing Bloom Yard to new Forge Complex. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 48,75,000/-. **EMD:** Rs. 97,500/-. **Date & Time of Closing of Tenders:** 06.01.2026 at 10.30 Hrs. **Completion Period:** 12 Months.

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/AP

Tender Notice No. RWF/PCEE/S&T/TD/2025-26/02 Dated 13.12.2025

E-Tender: On behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer invites electronic tender for the following work online through the website **http://www.ireps.gov.in** (Works).

Tender No. RWF/PCEE/S&T/TD/2025-26/02, **Dtd:** 13.12.2025, **Name of the Work:** Supply, Installation & Commissioning of CCTV cameras at Main Receiving Station (MRS), other Sub-stations, East & West Colony at RWF, Yelahanka, Bengaluru - 560 064. **Estimated Cost:** Rs. 72,08,691/-, **Bid Security:** Rs. 1,44,200/-, **Date & Time of closing of Tenders** : 06.01.2026, 11:00 Hrs.

The above Tender details can be viewed on our website **www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in** or **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tender documents and the corrigendum to the Tender if any, will be available on the portal only.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer

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DCW	BWSSB/EE(DCW)/AEE(DCW-1)/AE/641/2025-26 Date:12.12.2025	Rs.24,00,000/- / Rs.50,000/-	24.12.2025 Upto 3.00 P.M.	26.12.2025 at 4.00 P.M.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (DCW)

The details regarding the tender & participation in the e-Procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

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(1) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT2505, Replacement of faulty/age-old trouble-some/deteriorated 66kV circuit breakers at 66/11 kV Udayapura, Arakalagudu and Ramanathapura MUSS in Channarayapatna & Arakalagudu Taluk, Hassan District, Karnataka State on **Total Turnkey Basis. (Call-2).**

No: CEE/Tr(Op)Z/HSN/SEE (O)/AEE-5/ F-HNP-LW-02&03/2025-26/11106-09, Date: 12.12.2025.

(2) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2852/CALL-2. Combined package of the following works on **Total Turnkey Basis** including supply of all materials/ equipments and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/ equipments, testing & commissioning:

1. Erection of **one (01) number intermediate tower of 110kV DB+0, DC AEQUS design in the existing 66kV Udayapura-Attichowden hally LILO DC line between tower No.05-06 increase ground clearance** pertaining to Operation Division, KPTCL, Holenarsipura.

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No: CEE/Tr(Op)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-2/FA-54& A56 /2025-26/11121-24, Date: 12.12.2025.

(3) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT3065. "Combined package for Providing **2.9MVAR, 12.1kV Capacitor Bank** at **110/11kV sub-station Machenahalli & 66/11kV sub-station Kudligere** coming under Operation Division, KPTCL, Shivamogga on PTK basis. (11kV Switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL)" **(Reserved for category- IIA)**

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Sd/-, Chief Engineer (Elec).,
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State Gets
Rajasthan on

Empowerment of Women, Encouragement to Girls

- Domestic Gas cylinders available at ₹ 450 to Woman from an underprivileged family under the LPG Gas Subsidy Scheme; subsidy of ₹ 867 crore provided
- Incentive of over ₹ 103 crore provided to 58,397 girl students for agricultural studies
- Under Lado Protsahan Yojana, benefits extended to 4.60 lakh girls through service bonds of ₹ 1.50 lakhs
- 12 lakh women became Lakhpati Didis, loans worth ₹ 216 crore disbursed under the Nari Shakti Udyam Protsahan Yojana
- Assistance of ₹ 531 crores provided to 9.92 lakh pregnant women under the Pradhan Mantri Matra Vandana Yojana
- 12 sanitary napkins distributed every month to 1.22 crore women and girls
- Formation of 65 Anti-Romeo Squads, monitoring through 500 scooties
- 2,216 posts created for three women battalions, formation of 500 Kalika Patrolling Units
- Livelihood Enhancement Assistance of ₹ 669 crores to 1.37 lakh Self-Help Groups, loans of ₹ 5,271 crores provided to 2.21 lakh Self-Help Groups
- 12% decrease in crimes against women

Wings to Youth Dreams

- New Appointments made on 92,000 posts, new recruitment process initiated for another 1.53 lakh posts
- Formation of SIT to curb dummy candidates, fake degrees, and other irregularities related to recruitment examinations
- Establishment of 65 i-Start launchpad nests, financial assistance of ₹ 22.48 crores provided to 658 startups.
- Distribution of ₹ 1,155 crore to 4.13 lakhs beneficiaries under Mukhyamnatri Yuva Sambal Yojana
- 31,127 students benefited with allocation of ₹ 213 crores under Chief Minister's Anuprati Coaching Yojana
- Skill training provided to 3.37 lakh youth, over 1.11 lakh youth benefited through 410 employment assistance camps
- Assistance of ₹ 39.57 crores provided to 1,754 sportspersons

Commitment to Antyodaya

- 70 lakh new names added under the Food Security Scheme
- Over 22,323 land titles(pattas) allotted to nomadic, semi-nomadic, and de-notified families
- Under various social security schemes, pensions amounting to ₹ 25,851 crores disbursed to 91.61 lakh beneficiaries
- ₹ 806 crores transferred to 7.22 lakh workers
- Over 17.41 lakh workers registered on the e-Shram portal
- 1,443 new factories registered
- Minimum daily wages of workers increased by ₹ 26 per day
- Assistance provided to 87,000 street vendors and hawkers under the PM Svanidhi Scheme
- Construction of 1.36 lakh Rural and 68738 Urban Houses completed under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- Distribution of 15,000 artificial equipments and 3,030 Scooties to specially abled persons

Empowered Agriculture Prosperous Farmers

- Under the Kisan Samman Nidhi, assistance of ₹ 10,432 crores provided to 76.18 lakh farmers, annual assistance amount increased from ₹ 6,000 to ₹ 9,000
- Interest-free short-term crop loans worth ₹ 44,355 crores provided
- Under the Gopal Credit Card Scheme, interest-free loans of ₹ 634 crores provided to 84,604 families
- Subsidy of ₹ 44,558 crores on electricity bills
- Insurance claims worth ₹ 6,207 crores released under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojana
- Government procurement of 33.42 lakh tonnes of wheat at MSP from 2.66 lakh farmers, bonus of ₹ 471.16 crores provided
- Payment of ₹ 8,191 crores for procurement of 12.60 lakh metric tonnes of pulses and oilseeds from 5 lakh farmers at Minimum Support Price
- Over 1.86 lakh new agricultural electricity connections, 260 new connections issued per day
- Assistance of ₹ 822 crores for 53,571 solar pumps under PM-KUSUM B scheme

- A total of 39,664 scooties dis
girl students under the Scooty
- 21 new government polytechn
established
- 629 PM Shri Bal Vatika, digital l
up in 500 PM Shri schools,
established in 142 PM Shri scho
- About 8,020 smart classroom
4,010 schools

5 Years 2018-2023 Versus 2 YEARS 2024 - November, 2025

	Extension of Irrigation facilities through canal network	Farm ponds (field water harvesting structures)	ODF Plus Villages	Development of New road infrastructure (KM)
THEN	52,182	29,430	1,478	13,160
NOW	84,592	35,368	41,000	16,430

	Distribution of tablets / laptops to school students	Distribution of scooties to Girl students	Establishment of Government Polytechnic Colleges	Construction of buildings for Government Colleges
THEN	986	21,136	5	57
NOW	88,724	39,664	21	178

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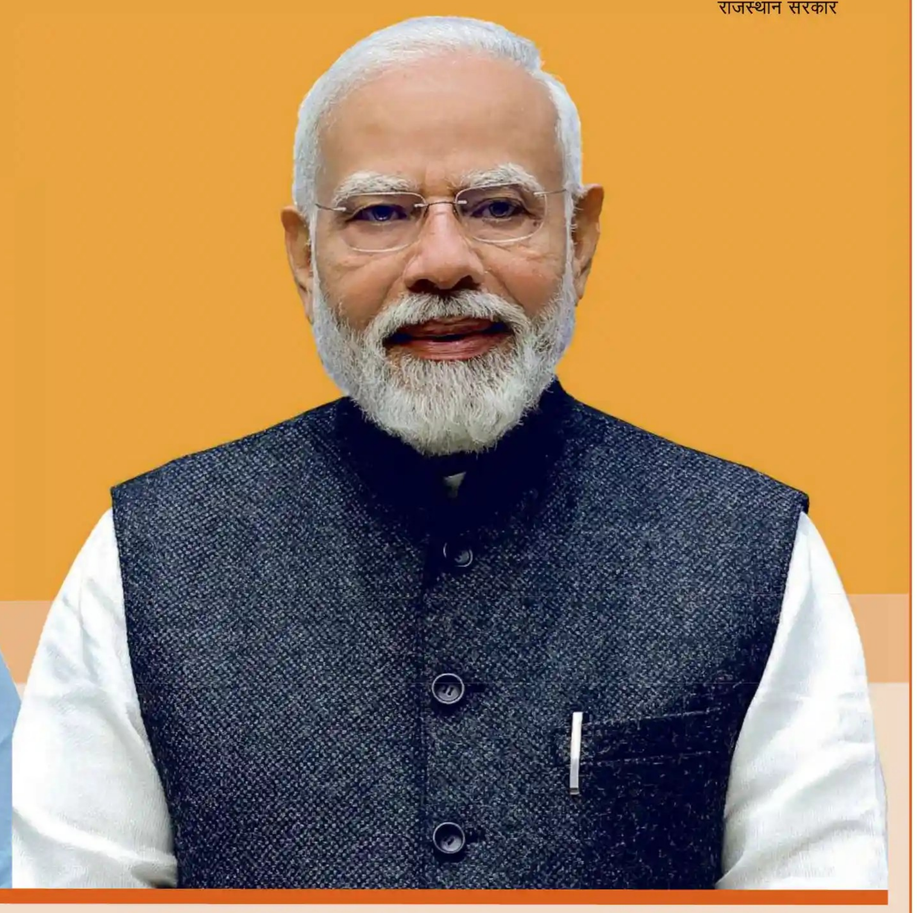

Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Rajasthan Advancing Towards Energy Revolution

- Power generation increased by 28% (6,839 MW)
- Electricity services strengthened in both rural and urban areas
- 333 sub-stations of 33 kV capacity established
- Over 9.19 lakh new domestic electricity connections issued
- Electricity supply during daytime to farmers in 2-2 blocks each of 22 districts
- 45 GSS of 132 KB and higher capacity established to strengthen green energy infrastructure
- Rajasthan ranks first in the country in solar and renewable energy production
- Over 1.05 lakh rooftop solar plants installed under the PM Surya Ghar Scheme
- Solar parks of 2,450 MW developed at a cost of ₹ 20,000 crores
- Renewable energy projects with a capacity of 41 GW developed
- 1090 project of 2272 MW capacity established under PM -KUSUM yojana

New Heights in Education

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- DBT of ₹ 800 to students for uniforms and school bags, ₹ 330.06 crores disbursed to 41.25 lakh children
- Over 10.51 lakh bicycles distributed to girl students and 88,724 tablets distributed to meritorious students
- Financial assistance of ₹ 181 crores provided to 4.14 lakh girl students under various schemes

Increased Investment in the State

- MoUs worth ₹ 35 lakh crores signed at the Global Investment Summit
- Work initiated on investment projects worth ₹ 8 lakh crores
- Record revenue of ₹ 17,633 crores from mining sector
- Establishment of a new industrial area in every 7 days and allotment of 7 industrial plots every day
- ₹ 1,946.84 crores disbursed to 7,186 entrepreneurs in MSMEs, handicrafts, and startups
- Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy 2024 launched
- 2173 registrations under Pradhanmantri Vishvakarma Yojna, training provided to 2.14 lakh persons and loans extended to 50,111 beneficiaries
- 26 new policies issued and 37 new industrial areas developed
- First-ever Rajasthan Pravasi Diwas organized in the State
- Auction of manganese, limestone, graphite, lead, zinc, copper, tungsten, rare earth elements (REE) and other critical and strategic minerals

Data Reveals the Truth

Villages connected by roads	Allocation of land for renewable energy projects (in hectares)	Increase in power generation capacity (megawatts)	LOA under KUSUM-A (in megawatts)	LOA under KUSUM-C (in megawatts)
1,104	22,597	3,952	595	114
1,698	98,894	6,839	5,318	5,287

Distribution of Bicycles to school students (in lakhs)	Creation of new revenue villages	Establishment of Satellite Hospitals	Skill developement training provided (in lakhs)	Financial assistance to cow shelters (in crore rupees)
10.36	1,517	10	2.35	3,117
10.51	2,281	14	3.37	3,433

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Kerala's political winds change course

Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF), led by the CPI(M), suffered a severe drubbing in last week's local body polls, while the rival United Democratic Front (UDF) secured a convincing and comprehensive victory. The BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) also marked its presence as a third force in the state's traditionally bipolar politics. The outcome has boosted the UDF's confidence about coming to power in the Assembly elections due next year. For three decades now, local body polls have reliably signalled Kerala's political trends. With these polls over, the state has effectively entered Assembly poll mode. The UDF will try to retain and improve on its advantage, while the LDF, which is usually more diligent and organised than its rival, will work to regain lost ground. The BJP will try to expand its footprint.

The LDF has had to contend with widespread anti-incumbency after nearly a decade in power. Many factors contributed towards this, including the arrogance of the cadre, the concentration of power in a single leader that turned into hero worship of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, alienation from the people, and allegations of favouritism and corruption. Together, these created a sense of governance decline. A series of controversies also emerged, which the government and the LDF leadership failed to address convincingly. Though many corruption allegations against those in government or their associates were not conclusively proven, recent reports of gold theft from the Sabarimala temple may have influenced voters in the local polls. Some of the accused were associated with the CPI(M). There are signs of erosion in the CPI(M)'s traditional vote base, with sections shifting to the BJP. Accusations that the Left had compromised with the BJP may have alienated supporters who viewed it as the main bulwark against the BJP. While it was widely believed that in a three-way contest involving the Congress, the Left, and the BJP, the Congress would weaken and the Left would benefit, the poll results suggest the opposite. Though it has positioned itself as the main ideological opponent of the BJP, the CPI(M) adopted certain soft-Hindutva positions, and diluted its policy of support for the minorities. This, too, may have worked against the LDF.

Results of Kerala's local body polls signal a deep discontent with the ruling LDF

The BJP trounced the Left in the prestigious Thiruvananthapuram corporation, and made gains in many municipalities and other local bodies. It pushed the LDF and the UDF to the third position in some seats. The BJP has moved from the margins to the sphere of political and electoral reckoning in Kerala.

Karnataka's costly legal outsourcing

The Karnataka government's growing reliance on private senior advocates in high-profile cases raises a troubling question: why does a state with one of the largest legal establishments in India repeatedly look outside for advocacy? The state has an Advocate General—K Shashi Kiran Shetty—21 additional advocates general and a large legal contingent in the high court, Dharwad Bench, and the Supreme Court. Yet, in important matters, the government increasingly opts for senior counsels at high public cost. This pattern was laid bare by disclosures in the legislative assembly regarding expenditure on Special Investigation Teams (SITs). Of the Rs 4.54 crore spent on four SITs since May 2023, Rs 3.31 crore was incurred on the investigation and prosecution of cases against former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna. The cases were pursued diligently, resulting in a conviction and life sentence, but the scale of expenditure raises institutional concerns. Former Advocate General Ravivarma Kumar, appointed as special public prosecutor, was paid Rs 2.41 crore in fees. Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal received Rs 15.5 lakh for a single appearance. Advocates B N Jagadeesha and Ashok N Nayak were paid a total of Rs 41.07 lakh. The state's decision to enlist such top-tier lawyers in cases involving sexual offences is understandable, but the extent to which private counsel was engaged is hard to justify given the state's vast in-house legal machinery.

Crores spent on private lawyers highlight systemic weaknesses in the state's legal apparatus and its appointment practices

This is not an isolated instance. In the Mekedatu dispute, the state engaged senior advocate Shyam Divan to lead arguments. In the Darshan Thoogudeepa case, it appointed P Prasanna Kumar as special public prosecutor in the high court, and later brought in senior advocate Siddharth Luthra before the Supreme Court, where the actor's bail was cancelled. Meanwhile, the government's own law officers have had mixed outcomes. They succeeded in swiftly getting the high court's interim stay on menstrual leave vacated, but suffered reverses when the order closing Jan Aushadhi Kendras in government hospitals was quashed. The courts have also granted relief to those accused of promoting communal disharmony and struck down an order regulating public gatherings on government premises. These outcomes merit introspection.

Engaging eminent senior counsels for sensitive cases is a recognised practice. But when it becomes the default rather than the exception, it points to a deeper malaise. Either the state lacks confidence in its own lawyers, or appointments to government panels are not based on merit. Both scenarios are damaging. The first bleeds the exchequer; the second erodes institutional capacity from within. A state that constantly turns to outside external advocates should answer a basic question: why maintain an expensive legal machinery that it does not trust?

UPDATED MONROE DOCTRINE

Regional dominance in a fractured world

By narrowing the US strategy and security perimeter to the American continent, Washington seeks to align its means to achievable ends, establishing an unambiguous sphere of influence

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Ever since the 1990s, bipartisan optimism in the United States has defined the post-Cold War era, with the belief that it presided over an ever-growing, increasingly liberal, and integrated global system. The integration of Eastern Europe, the wars in West Asia, and the 'Pivot to Asia' consumed its attention. Latin America was treated mainly as a zone of benign neglect, viewing it as a settled theatre with sundry but less than grave domestic problems.

Much has been discussed about the 'National Security Strategy of the United States of America' released last month, although the core reasoning behind the new emphasis on Latin America has either been missed or misunderstood. Under a 'enlist and expand' rubric, a new grand strategy by Washington is emerging that reverts to the old-fashioned concept of spheres of influence. It takes up the Monroe Doctrine's emphasis but adapts it for a modern era of resource competition, and pivots from the role of global leader to that of supremacy in a regional stronghold.

During previous US administrations, from Bill Clinton onwards, the White House engaged with Latin America mainly through the lens of democratisation, building institutions, monitoring elections, and promoting human rights in an era for which the best exemplar was the activities of the Carter Foundation. This has definitely now ended with the resurgence of naked use of power politics and Right-wing nationalism. US President Donald Trump has adopted transactional realism; we are witnesses to a decisive move toward supporting Right-wing governments that align with US security and economic interests, regardless of their domestic governance records.

This is apparent in the administration's recent attitude toward Honduras. The presidential pardon to the former Honduran president was no act of mercy, but a strategic use of power to counter Chinese encroachment. Trump has, thereby, sent a message to the Honduran electorate: vote for the ultra-conservative candidate at the next election, or risk losing US support; in other words, economic decoupling from Beijing is the price for US security. The US has become an active player in the region, tilting the scales to keep the nationalist Right in power.

To underline this new sphere of influence, the White House will use the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF). Passed shortly after the 9/11 attacks in the context of targeting al-Qaeda, this legislation has become an all-purpose authority for executive power, setting a troubling precedent of unilateral use of deadly force. By formally labelling specific drug cartels and

State-sponsored trafficking networks as 'narco-terrorists', the White House has effectively brought the drug war under the scope of the AUMF without the need for any limiting congressional oversight or approval. This also carries a clear partisan bias; the 'narco-terrorist' label is used against Leftist regimes like Colombia and Venezuela, whereas Right-wing US allies whose institutions are equally, if not more, affected by cartel influence, are given a different classification; for them, drug trafficking is a 'governance challenge' requiring aid and sympathetic understanding.

The Western hemisphere now sits atop hydrocarbon wealth comparable to West Asia. Recent discoveries off the coast of Guyana have uncovered one of the largest offshore oil and gas reserves found in the past decades. The massive scale of these fields, estimated at 300 billion barrels in Venezuela and 11 billion barrels of high-quality crude in the Guyana-Suriname basin, provides the US with a historic opportunity to achieve complete hemispheric energy independence. By bringing these resources under a US security umbrella, Washington can detach its economic future from the unpredictable politics of the Arab Gulf states. This energy shift will enable a significant change in the US' role in West Asia — the US is not leaving the region, but will be providing for its security with a new paradigm that will involve arming Israel and Saudi Arabia extensively and empowering them to serve as the major guarantors of regional stability.

The rise of China has also provided justification for the change in policy emphasis. Through its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), China has secured critical infrastructure and the resources that will shape the global economy in this century. The US' updated Monroe Doctrine is primarily a counter-offensive to this, and the stakes are highest in the race for critical minerals as the world moves toward a battery-powered, fossil fuel-free future. Therefore, the 'Lithium Triangle' of Bolivia, Chile, and Argentina is a new target for the US, and because significant deposits of rare earth elements have been discovered across Brazil and the Andean countries, the US strategy will now attempt to take control of these raw materials.

By narrowing the US strategy and security perimeter to the American continent, Washington seeks to align its means to achievable ends, establishing an unambiguous sphere of influence. The revised Monroe Doctrine in the new security strategy signals a focus on settled borders and spheres of influence. According to American observers, this will not imply abandoning traditional allies in East Asia or Western Europe, but will introduce 'transactional maturity' in those relationships. By indicating that the US will no longer be first to respond to crises, as in Donbas or the South China Sea, Washington seeks to encourage Brussels, Tokyo, and Seoul to become more self-reliant; the benefit to the US being more equitable burden-sharing.

Washington under Trump seems to conclude that regional dominance is the only hand worth playing in a fractured world. If this vision succeeds, the US could establish decades of economic independence, immune to Chinese supply chain pressure or perennial West Asian instability. In this way, the US would achieve the elusive strategic stability of aligning capabilities with a defensible perimeter. Such a strategy hinges on a precarious set of contingencies, based on the calculation that US allies abroad will rise to challenges without disintegrating or capitulating, and that raw power and transactional realism can deliver the Americans the security and economic benefits that the former democratic idealism could not.

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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

When tradition met the spotlight

Indian weddings today blend ritual, romance and reinvention

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As the first light embraced the earth, the air felt fresh from the fragrance of the exquisitely adorned, colourful flowers all around us. The day was bright, marked by rituals and emotions in equal measure. The evening events turned out to be fun-filled and dazzling, with the stars seemingly descending in the form of the lovely couple. It was truly a dream wedding.

Yes, the wedding season has begun. A recent wedding in the family made me reflect on how Indian weddings have evolved in recent years. Gone are the days when marriages were simple ceremonies, largely ritual-centric and family-oriented. Weddings today exhibit an interesting blend of traditions and modernity, making them remarkably experiential affairs rather than mundane ones.

What appealed to me first was the choice of venue and the emphasis placed on aesthetics. I am quite sure these elements would have been fairly basic a couple of years ago. From colour schemes to illumination, stage settings and entrance designs, the attention given to every detail is mind-boggling. After all, your special day has to be the best.

Couples today readily involve themselves in the planning and execution of their wedding events. Earlier, these responsibilities largely rested with the parents and elders of the family. It is also evident that the current-day couples are more expressive and casually unveil their personalities at weddings. Shy brides and quiet grooms are now a rarity.

Another major feature is the elaborate photo shoots that capture all the special moments magnificently. Photographers bring creative ideas that elevate wedding pictures to another level. Likewise, couples no longer shy away from romantic poses. All this lends a fairytale charm to the occasion.

Then come the bridal outfits and their stunning craftsmanship. Luxurious silk saris and *lehengas*, elegant blouses, make-up, hairstyles, *mehendi* designs, and a myriad of accessories—the list goes on. Bridal makeovers have become a thriving industry in themselves. Another fanciful feature we notice these days is the show-stopping entry of the bride and groom. This extravagant sequence is meticulously choreographed, making it the highlight of the D-day.

And finally, how can one talk about weddings without mentioning the feast? Past or present, regional multi-course meals remain an inseparable part of Indian weddings, honouring our traditions. And then, for the receptions and other evening events, an array of popular Indian and global delicacies is laid out, often stealing the entire show.

In a nutshell, weddings today are becoming increasingly ingenious and elaborate. Perhaps that is precisely why they are called 'the big fat Indian wedding.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A towering figure in Karnataka's public life

Shamanur Shivashankarappa, the country's oldest serving MLA, was a towering figure in Karnataka's public life. His passing marks the end of an era defined by patience, principled politics, and lifelong public service. His political journey stands as a testament to perseverance, humility, and commitment to democratic values. Unlike many career politicians, he entered active electoral politics after establishing himself in public life, beginning at the grassroots level through municipal governance. He earned the people's mandate to the State Assembly at a later stage in life, demonstrating that experience and maturity can be powerful assets in leadership. His belief that harmony between ascetics and society strengthens the community reflected rare statesmanship. In an era often driven by short-term political gains, he remains a role model. His dignified public life reminds us that politics is rooted in service, patience, and unity.

Vishal Mayur, Tumakuru

Cost of inaction

Apropos the editorial 'Quacks are getting a free run, stop them' (Dec 15), its warning about quacks thriving in plain sight should unsettle us more than it does. When fake degrees, dubious clinics, and miracle cures flourish, it is not merely gullibility at work but regulatory abdication. Health is a high-stakes public good, yet enforcement remains episodic, penalties trivial, and accountability diffuse. States cite capacity gaps; councils plead jurisdiction; police act only after tragedy. Meanwhile, the poor pay twice - first in fees, then in harm. A serious response needs three shifts: strict, time-bound credential verification through public registries; coordinated enforcement that treats quackery as organised fraud; and sustained public communication in local languages to counter misinformation. Shutting down quacks is not anti-tradition or anti-choice; it is pro-safety.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Fight collectively

The recent shooting at a Sydney beach was unfortunate and unacceptable in a civilised society. Acts of violence of any nature have no place anywhere in the world. While the motives behind this brutal attack are still being investigated, it is high time that the international community came together to collectively fight the menace of terrorism and extremism in all its forms.

K Ragavan, Bengaluru

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The BJP's culture of changing names is very old... In this double-engine government, the engine in Delhi is learning from the engine in Uttar Pradesh... This double-engine government is claiming others' work as its own. They don't have any new work to show...

Akhilesh Yadav, SP MP and Chief

Hard work is rewarding. Taking credit for other people's hard work is rewarding and faster.

Scott Adams

TO BE PRECISE

IN PERSPECTIVE

Myths that fuel a fake debate

The real issue isn't Vande Mataram, but the coercion and communal politics wrapped around it

JYOTI PUNWANI

In the current controversy surrounding the National Song, there are two myths: One, that Muslims across the board have always objected to it. Two, that those who demand that it be recited are motivated by patriotism. Both myths are easily demolished.

The best evidence against the first myth is that the extremely popular 1997 song *Ma Tujhe Salaam* was composed by A R Rahman. Rahman was not an exception; he was just following in the footsteps of Muslim freedom fighters. Even those leading the Khilafat movement enthusiastically sang Vande Matram till the 1930s, when the Muslim League started objecting to it.

The late Asghar Ali Engineer used to laugh at those who raised religious objections to reciting Vande Mataram. As an internationally respected Islamic scholar, Engineer had a right to do so. He would point out that courtiers in the Mughal court had to perform *sajda* (bowing low, with one's hand to one's forehead) to Mughal emperors. No *fatwa* was issued; in fact, a Muslim scholar who dared to object to this practice as unIslamic was thrown into prison. Engineer often said he would defy any *fatwa* that forbade singing the National Song which, according to him, spoke of nothing more than bowing in respect to the motherland. At the same time, he would refuse to even utter the words 'Vande Mataram' if forced to do so.

In many Urdu schools, Allama Iqbal's *Naya Shivala* is still recited every day, which has the words: 'each speck of dust of the motherland is God to me.' No one has yet cast aspersions on Iqbal's Muslimness.

But trying to force Muslims to recite Vande Mataram is what Hindutvavadis have been doing for almost half a century, and never more so than today. '*Is desh mein rehna hoga to Vande Mataram kehna hoga*' used to be heard only during riots; today, it's being said by ministers, even in Parliament. Today, Hindutva groups have made Vande Mataram a battle cry against Muslims, and their motives have nothing to do with patriotism.

On Republic Day 2018 in Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh, Hindutvavadis drove into a Muslim neighbourhood on motorcycles, carrying saffron flags and the National Flag, demanding that Muslims who'd gathered there for flag hoisting, make way for them. Paying no heed to the Muslims' request to join them in hoisting the flag, they started shouting: *Is desh mein rehna hoga to Vande Mataram kehna hoga*. In the clashes that ensued, one of them killed. Ironically, these clashes would never have taken place had a year of living under the new Yogi Adityanath regime not forced the Muslims to display their patriotism in public. Until then, flag-hoisting was done indoors. This January, 28 Muslims were sentenced to life imprisonment for murder and for 'showing disrespect to the flag'.

In 2017, the new BJP-nominated chairman of Delhi's historic Dyal Singh College's management committee decided to change its name to Vande Mataram Dyal Singh College. This unilateral decision drew protests not only from everyone associated with the college, but also from the Akalis, long-term BJP allies, as well as then Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh. No explanation was forthcoming for this decision. Was the BJP unaware of the reverence in which Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia, the founder of the college was held, or just indifferent to public sentiment? Ironically, in Lahore, the Pakistani government has left the name of the Dyal Singh college unchanged.

Gurgaon in 2018 saw a spate of attempts by Hindutva groups to stop Muslims offering Friday *namaz* on public grounds officially allotted to them for the purpose. When one such group was arrested, they expressed indignation that 'patriotic youth' shouting Vande Mataram and Jai Sri Ram could be treated as offenders.

This author was witness to similar indignation being expressed by the counsel representing the police, the Maharashtra government, and the Shiv Sena, when Justice B N Srikrishna, heading the Commission of Inquiry into the 1992-1993 Bombay riots, asked what action had been taken against rioters shouting *Is desh mein rehna hoga to Vande Mataram kehna hoga*. Even as the counsel protested that this was a "patriotic" slogan, the high court judge explained that laying down conditions of residence on any citizen, let alone a community, by another group was not only communal, but also fascist.

There could not have been a better summing up of the Vande Mataram controversy.

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Two paths to rare earth security and India must walk both

ROOPA KUDVA

Last week, the Indian government approved a Rs 7,280-crore scheme to build a domestic rare-earth magnet supply chain. The decision has brought rare earths back into policy focus–and highlights why India must look beyond geology alone.

Rare earth elements – essential for electric vehicle (EV) motors, electronics, wind turbines and defence technologies – are vital to the global economy's future. India has about 6-7% of the world's rare earth reserves, the third-largest globally. Much of the discussion, however, focuses on the difficulty of extracting them. Most of India's reserves are trapped in monazite, a mineral that contains both rare earths and thorium. Because thorium is radioactive and governed by India's atomic energy laws, mining and processing are tightly controlled by the State. This has slowed commercial development compared to China or Australia. This challenge dominates policy discussions.

But it is only half the story. The other half has gained real momentum over the past three to five years: the recovery of critical materials from lithium-ion batteries, used motor magnets, industrial scrap, and other waste streams. This route differs fundamentally from traditional mining. It bypasses the constraints of monazite and creates a viable, scalable domestic supply of rare earth-bearing materials.

These two streams — primary reserves and secondary recovery — are unfolding in parallel. Together, they present a far more compelling opportunity than either could on its own.

India's reserves are well documented: monazite-rich beach sands along the coasts of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Odisha, along with smaller hard-rock deposits in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. The potential is significant. Light rare earths such as cerium, lanthanum, and neodymium are used in catalysts, glass polishing, and EV motor magnets, while heavy rare earths such as dysprosium and terbium are critical for high-performance magnets used in defence, electronics, and wind turbines.

Historically, a single public-sector enterprise, IREL, has been responsible for mining and processing. The result has been a highly concentrated structure, slow expansion, and limited downstream value addition.

Key elements required for EV motors and wind turbines—neodymium, praseodymium, and dysprosium—are all present in India's sands. Mineral separation capabilities have improved but remain below potential. Facilities in Kerala, Odisha and Tamil Nadu have been upgraded, and capacity has expanded over the past decade. But value-added processing–such as alloys and magnets–remains nascent. The major gap is the absence of a full magnet-manufacturing supply chain despite the availability of raw materials, a gap the new scheme seeks to address.

Battery recycling companies have emerged as important players in this space. Once seen primarily as part of India's clean-technology ecosystem, they are now closely linked to the critical-minerals agenda. Firms such as Attero are recovering rare earths including neodymium, praseodymium and dysprosium from e-waste and battery scrap. Others, such as LOHUM, have announced plans to build rare-earth refining capacity. Their refining and separation operations do not fall under the regulatory limitations of atomic minerals, allowing capacity to be scaled up far more quickly.

Rather than waiting for large-scale monazite extraction to take off, India can strengthen its position in the midstream — refining, chemical separation, metals, and magnets — by leveraging recycled inputs. The country generates a large and rapidly growing stock of industrial and consumer waste containing significant quantities of rare-earth-bearing materials. In FY 2023-2024, of the 1.75 million metric tons of e-waste generated - from discarded electronics, motors, and hard drives – only 43% was formally recycled. Companies that began by recycling lithium, cobalt, and nickel are now extending their scope to magnet materials found in drive motors, wind turbine components, and industrial machinery.

As EV adoption rises and battery turnover accelerates, this volume will only increase. India can position itself as an alternative source of refined materials and components even before its mining segment reaches scale. This is a realistic path because the skills, technology, and capital required for midstream processing are far more attainable than those needed to set up large integrated mining operations under atomic-energy constraints.

The policy environment is beginning to reflect this shift. New incentives for rare earth magnet manufacturing, growing support for battery recycling, and a focus on critical-minerals supply chains across ministries indicate a more integrated approach. However, the regulatory framework for atomic minerals, private-sector participation, and coordination across agencies still needs refinement.

India's rare earth story is now a mix of geology and the circular economy. Its geological reserves give the country geological depth and long-term strategic advantage. Long-term potential will come from tapping India's endowment. The circular-economy pathway provides near-term momentum through speed and flexibility because it sidesteps long-standing regulatory and processing constraints. Both streams reinforce India's broader objectives: reducing import dependence, securing critical minerals, and supporting domestic manufacturing in sectors such as EVs, renewables, electronics, and defence.

Together, they give India a credible opportunity to build a resilient, diversified, and future-ready rare earth strategy at a time when global demand is only set to grow.

(The writer is a business leader, and board director with nearly four decades of experience)

Rodney Brooks, famous for the Roomba, argues the humanoid robot craze in Silicon Valley is doomed to fail

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Robotics pioneer says the field has lost its way

TIM FERNHOLZ

'I like to look at what everyone is doing, find some common thing that they're all assuming implicitly,' Rodney Brooks said, "and negate that thing." Brooks, a pioneering roboticist, was speaking directly to the camera in the 1997 Errol Morris film *Fast, Cheap, and Out of Control*, which juxtaposes interviews of Brooks, a lion tamer, a topiary gardener and a researcher who studies naked mole rats. "Four men," Brooks said recently, "who were each trying to control nature in their individual way, and all of us were failing."

In the film, Brooks was describing an early breakthrough. In the 1980s, limitations on computing constrained robot development. Watching insects, he realised that they possessed little brainpower but were far more capable than his robots, and that mimicking animal biology was smarter than trying to control every aspect of a robot's behaviour through code. His successes led him to predict robots "everywhere in our world."

At 70, the former MIT lab director and a co-creator of the popular Roomba robot vacuum lives in that world. But now, Brooks, who has spent his career making intelligent machines a part of everyday life, finds himself playing the sceptic.

Today's entrepreneurs promise robots that not only look human — or human-ish — but can also do everything a person can. Tech investors are pouring billions into the effort, but Brooks argues that general-purpose humanoid robots will not be coming home soon, and that they are not safe enough to be around humans. In September, he delivered a takedown in an essay that concluded that over the next 15 years, "a lot of money will have disappeared, spent on trying to squeeze performance, any performance, from today's humanoid robots. But those robots will be long gone and mostly conveniently forgotten."

His blog post kicked off a furore in the small world of robotics. This was a legend in the field, whose insights had informed the humanoid craze. "At least a dozen people asked me if I agreed with it shortly after it went live (I don't)," wrote Chris Paxton, a researcher in AI and robotics.

Brooks insists he is simply being practical. The physical appearance of a robot, Brooks likes to say, makes a promise about what it can do. Robots in wide use today are designed for specific jobs in specific situations, and look like it — an arm that does the same repetitive action on a manufacturing line, or the automated pallet movers in Amazon warehouses. They aren't flashy.

"People see the humanoid form," Brooks said, "and they think it's going to be able to do everything a human can."

In other words, humanoid robots are the perfect idea for Silicon Valley, where the potential for growth is everything to a venture-backed company. The market for what a human can do is the biggest market of all.

That is why Elon Musk's Tesla appears to be betting the company on its robot, Optimus. Among others, the startup Figure AI has raised almost $2 billion since 2022 to develop its line of C-3PO-style bots for everything from manufacturing to elder care. You can spend $20,000 to get a robot built by Palo Alto's 1X Technologies in your house next year — but its limited autonomy will be supplemented by the company's employees, who will control it remotely in a scheme to teach it new tasks.

This is only the latest run at what Brooks and his co-authors referred to as the "holy grail" in a 1999 paper. Past attempts at building general-purpose humanoid robots stalled out at the complexity of walking on two feet, and other such difficulties of mimicking the human form with electronics.

Then there's the sheer number of situations that humans can find themselves in. How do you write the code that, to solve one commonly cited bit of outsourceable drudgery, gets the robot around each weird and particular home, collects the laundry, separates the loads and cleans the lint trap? The wave of generative AI provides a new answer: teach the robot to do it the same way we teach computers to recognise people, transcribe audio recordings, or respond to prompts like "write a '90s rap song about my dog Miso."

Training neural networks with lots of data is a proven technique, and there is lots of data of humans moving around their environment — decades of footage of people doing stuff to feed into the data centres.

The results can seem impressive, at least on video, where humanoid robots from Figure and other companies can be seen folding laundry, putting away toys or sorting parts in a South Carolina BMW factory.

What you don't see in most videos is people standing near the robots. Brooks said he wouldn't get within 3 feet of a humanoid bot. If — when, he says — they lose their balance, the powerful mechanics that make them useful make them dangerous.

Safety regulations generally require people to keep away from robots in industrial settings. Aaron Prather, the director of robotics and autonomous systems at ASTM International, a standards-setting organisation, said that humanoid bots were not inherently unsafe, but required clear guidelines, particularly as they leave settings where people are trained to work alongside them. "For robots entering homes, especially teleoperated humanoids, we're in new territory," Prather said.

In some sense, Brooks has only himself to blame. The current humanoid craze is "kind of his fault," said Anthony Jules, Brooks' co-founder and CEO at Robust.AI, which is building automated carts to work alongside humans in distribution centres.

Jules was an MIT undergrad in the 1990s when Brooks was leading the school's Computer Science and AI Laboratory — helping create the algorithms behind today's autonomous cars, pioneering the feedback loops that link AI and robotics, and making the case that robots in human form are worth building.

Brooks, who grew up in Australia, co-founded his first AI startup in 1984 while a professor at Stanford, writing code at home on a Sun Microsystems workstation and sending memory tape to Silicon Valley each morning by FedEx. After his insect inspiration that same decade, Brooks built robots that learned to move on their own, and co-founded the company that would become iRobot in 1990. By 1993, he and his graduate students set to work on a humanoid robot at a time when few researchers thought that would be a useful path of exploration.

Cog, as it was called, was designed to push the limits of robotics and, in particular, to apply insights from cognitive science about the links between intelligence and sensory perception.

Brooks had learned hard lessons fighting over pennies in the Roomba's manufacturing budget in the late '90s. When Aaron Edsinger, a graduate student working on humanoid robots, later asked Brooks for tips about building his own company, the professor suggested his student imagine shipping a robot as a sheet of graph paper. The Roomba, after all, which defined the consumer robotics category, was eventually supplanted by Chinese models that rely on laser sensors instead of optical cameras. (Brooks left the company in 2008.) Engineering beat out innovation.

Eventually, Brooks did take on humanoids, as a co-founder of the company Re-Think Robotics in 2008. It developed two robots, Baxter and Sawyer, designed to do industrial work but safe enough for humans to work alongside. (They had a head, torso and arms, but didn't walk.)

Though popular with researchers, the company didn't gain traction, according to industry observers, because the safety mechanics limited the robot's precision; Brooks argues the design was too different from what robot buyers were used to.

Brooks is particularly sceptical that neural networks are ready to solve the dexterity problem. Humans don't have a language for gathering, storing and communicating data about touch, the way we do for language and imagery. Our fingers' remarkable sensing ability collects all kinds of information that we can't easily translate for machines. In his view, the visual data preferred by the new guard of robot start-ups simply won't be able to re-create what we can do with our fingers. **NYT**

Rewiring city traffic

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Bengaluru, India's Silicon Valley, is home to over 14 million residents and 12 million vehicles, with one of the highest vehicle ownership ratios in the country—830 vehicles per 1,000 people. As the city's road infrastructure remained largely static, this rapid growth translated into gridlocked roads, long travel times, unpredictable commute patterns, and elevated stress levels for both commuters and the police personnel managing traffic.

At the heart of this challenge lay an outdated, fragmented traffic signal infrastructure. Much of it dated back over a decade and operated in manual or fixed-time mode, with no real-time responsiveness or city-wide synchronisation.

To break this cycle, Bengaluru embarked on an ambitious transformation journey—the Bengaluru Adaptive Traffic Control System (BATCS). Developed by CDAC, this marked a decisive shift from reactive, manual controls to a predictive, adaptive, and city-scalable solution.

At the core of BATCS is the CoSiCoSt ATCS software, an indigenously developed adaptive signal algorithm designed specifically for Indian traffic patterns. Using camera-based vehicle detection, the system dynamically adjusts cycle lengths, phase splits, and offsets in real time based on actual demand at each junction.

Today, the system operates with over 95% automation across operational junctions, with less than 5% manual overrides – even during peak hours. It is centrally controlled from a state-of-the-art traffic command centre and has the ability to synchronise corridors to create 'green waves' for smoother traffic flow.

Phase 1 of BATCS (2024–2025) covers 169 junctions, prioritising high-density corridors such as K R Road, Hudson Circle, and Marenahalli Road. The results are measurable and transformative: a 15–20% reduction in travel time, a 20% increase in corridor throughput, a 10% drop in estimated emissions, and over 56% of surveyed citizens reporting a smoother travel experience. More importantly, the system reduces human dependency, allowing police personnel to focus on enforcement, road safety and incident response.

This effort is not merely about deploying new technology; it is about institutionalising smarter ways of managing traffic. Each junction is calibrated based on road geometry, surrounding land use, pedestrian behaviour, and enforcement bottlenecks.

Bengaluru has also taken decisive steps towards network-wide signal planning through corridor-based simulation models, with a phased rollout focused on High-Density Corridors (HDCs). This is backed by rigorous analysis of past DPR/RFP failures to ensure robust procurement and transparent budgeting. The reform journey is being steered with accountability—Rs 150 crore has been earmarked for 354 junctions across multiple phases, supported by detailed cost estimates and ROI tracking.

Recognising the unique behavioural patterns and driving expectations of Bengaluru's commuters, several city-specific innovations have been built into the BATCS deployment. One such innovation is the Traffic Signal Timer integration within the Mappls Navigation App. Through this partnership, Bengaluru Traffic Police now enables drivers using mobile navigation or in-vehicle systems to view remaining red and green signal times in real time. This empowers drivers to make informed decisions—whether to slow down before a red signal or prepare for a smooth start—enhancing compliance, reducing erratic behaviour, and improving intersection safety.

Another customisation is the introduction of a five-second countdown timer at the end of each signal phase during Vehicle Actuated Control (VAC) mode. While most adaptive systems globally avoid showing timers to preserve flexibility, field observations and commuter feedback in Bengaluru revealed that drivers prefer a brief visual cue to prepare for transitions.

Further, in a first-of-its-kind integration, the ASTraM platform's 'ePath' module has been connected to the ATSC network to provide automated emergency vehicle priority. Using GPS-enabled emergency vehicles and predefined emergency routes, the ePath dynamically triggers priority signals across intersections. Building on this foundation, the next wave of reforms will include:

- Transit Signal Priority (TSP) for BMTC buses, enabling public transport vehicles to move seamlessly through congested junctions.
- Push-button-based Pelican signals at pedestrian-heavy zones to prioritise safe crossings.
- Extension of the ePath module to support fire and emergency services and VVIP movements
- Integration with ASTraM, Bengaluru's AI-based traffic prediction platform, for a holistic traffic management and incident response ecosystem.

The success of Bengaluru's signal reform is a reflection of what's possible when domain knowledge, field experience, and indigenous technology come together. It's a testament to the collaboration between Bengaluru Traffic Police, GBA, KRDCL, CDAC, and our implementation partners, under the larger umbrella of the city's smart mobility vision.

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OUR PAGES OF HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO: DECEMBER 1975

Govt not to hold civic polls during Emergency

Bangalore, December 15
Municipalities in Karnataka will be brought under the control of administrators as and when their extended term expires. Giving this information to newsmen here today, Municipal Administration Minister D. K. Naikar said the Government did not propose to hold elections to municipalities during the Emergency. Elections to various municipalities were due early this year. But the Government extended the terms of these civic bodies for one year.

25 YEARS AGO: DECEMBER 2000

Hebbal lake to get back its lost glory

Bangalore, Dec 15
The Hebbal lake, located towards the north of Bangalore, is set to get a new lease of life. Thanks to the "Rejuvenation of Lakes in Bangalore" programme, launched by the Karnataka Forest Department, Hebbal lake will be soon back to its original condition and become home to a variety of birds and aquatic life. As part of the programme, the State government formed the Hebbal Lake Park Association (Helpa), to rejuvenate the lake at a cost of Rs 3.22 crore.

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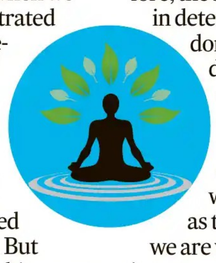
Study and follow the scriptures

Most of us become victims of our own desires. We act according to the impulses of the mind rather than the decisions of the intellect, which often proves detrimental, even fatal. Many believe they think, decide, and act independently, but fail to recognise that the intellect is frequently reasoning under the influence of the mind, coloured by the strength of desires. Consequently, the intellect does not see what it ought to see; it sees only what it wants to see.

Not questioning the very basis of our actions, assuming our actions are correct, and merely trying to figure out how to execute them, is the intellect functioning under the spell of the mind. When we follow our desires, we become agitated because we are not doing what we ought to do; when we resist them, we become frustrated because a powerful desire remains unfulfilled. Thus, life swings between agitation and frustration.



Therefore, we cannot rely on the mind's impulses, nor can we fully trust the intellect, as it may be charmed or held hostage by the mind. But we would never know when this occurs. Then on what basis should we decide our course of action?

Krishna advises in the *Bhagavad Gita*: *Tasmāt shāstraṁ pramāṇaṁ te kāryākārya-vyavasthitau* — "Therefore, the scripture be your authority in determining what ought to be done and what ought not to be done." *Shastram* is the body of literature that protects us through its teachings and instructions. When we lack confidence in our intellect, we must follow the scriptures as though they are correct and we are wrong — whether we like it or not, understand it or not, find it practical or not. Scriptures have no hidden motives; they are objective. Their objectivity protects us until we become internally objective. Objectivity is the ability to function beyond the influence of desires and to process the primary motives of life through questioning, analysing, and understanding. It is the hallmark of a strong intellect. As we grow, we must gradually move from following commandments to systematic study, independent reflection, and assimilation of scriptural truths. This increases clarity and strengthens the intellect.

Thus, scriptures protect us when we are immature and strengthen us through their teachings. Therefore, follow and study the scriptures.

PUSHBACK: I.N.D.I.A bloc opposes Centre's push on nuclear, education and repeal legislation

Three bills spark storm in Lok Sabha

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Narendra Modi government on Monday tabled three crucial bills in the Lok Sabha, aiming to open the nuclear power sector to private players, regulate higher education and repeal certain redundant laws. At the same time, it held back a bill that seeks to tweak the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and rename it, despite having listed it on the day's agenda.

The three bills faced stiff opposition from I.N.D.I.A MPs right at the introduction stage itself. They questioned the motive behind the legislation that undermines the federal system and provides excessive powers to the Union government, and said that two of the bills violated constitutional provisions as they were named in Hindi.

The first bill to be introduced was the Repealing and Amending Bill, 2025, followed by the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhisthan Bill, 2025, and the Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill, 2025, or the SHANTI Bill.

The Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevka Mission (Gramin): VB-G GRAM G Bill, 2025, which seeks to rename and tweak the MGNREGA, was scheduled for introduction but was not taken up. While no reason was given, the Opposition criticised the omission of Mahatma Gandhi's name and for putting financial burden on states for the scheme's implementation.

A revised List of Business issued late Monday night has slated the rural job guarantee bill for introduction on Tuesday. The bill to raise FDI in the insurance sector is also scheduled for introduction the same day.

UNDER SCRUTINY

- I.N.D.I.A MPs slam federal overreach, Hindi naming
- Repealing and Amending Bill, Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhisthan Bill, SHANTI Bill introduced
- Oppn says Gandhi's name omitted, states burdened with costs
- Education bill to go to Joint Parliamentary Committee

While Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju announced in the House that the Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhisthan Bill, 2025, will be sent to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for further scrutiny, sources said the government has agreed in the Business Advisory Committee to refer the SHANTI Bill and the VB-G GRAM G Bill to respective standing committees.

Tabling the SHANTI Bill, which seeks to repeal the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act, 2010, Minister of State Jitendra Singh said it provides for a pragmatic civil liability regime for nuclear damage and confers statutory status on the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board. The bill also aims to open the civil nuclear power sector to private participation.

However, Opposition MPs were not impressed and objected to its introduction. Congress MP Manish Tewari said the bill grants sweeping powers to the Centre, allows profit-oriented private sector access to ultra-hazardous nuclear activities, while limiting liability and restricting judicial remedies. Tewari also objected to provisions that enable the takeover of mines and nuclear plants through executive orders.

BJP MP Dilip Saikia presides over the Lok Sabha amid a protest by Opposition leaders during the Winter session of Parliament, in New Delhi, on Monday. PTI

'Why remove Gandhi's name?': Govt under fire over new bill

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The 'VB-G RAM G Bill 2025', seeking to repeal MGNREGA and replace it with a new rural employment guarantee law, has attracted the ire of the Opposition, with leaders on Monday questioning why the Modi government is removing the name of the Mahatma Gandhi.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said it is not just about renaming MGNREGA. "This is a BJP-RSS conspiracy to end MGNREGA. Erasing Gandhi's name on the centenary of the Sangh shows how hollow and hypocritical those who, like Modi ji, offer flowers to Bapu on foreign soil," he said pledging to strongly oppose the 'arrogant regime's' move inside and outside Parliament.

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra told reporters, "Why is Mahatma Gandhi's name being removed. Mahatma Gandhi is considered one of the tallest leaders not just in the country but in the world; therefore, removing his name, I really don't understand what the objective is. What is their intention?"

Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha floor leader Derek O'Brien said the government's move was 'an insult' to Mahatma Gandhi.

"But then, are you surprised? These are the same people who hero-worshipped the man who killed Mahatma Gandhi. They want to insult Mahatma Gandhi and remove him from history," he claimed.

CPM General Secretary MA Baby said the buck is being passed on to states and the Centre can now punish opposition-ruled states by cutting down allocations.

'Downgrade'

CPM Rajya Sabha floor leader John Brittas posted on X, "125 days is the headline. 60:40 is the fine print. MGNREGA was a fully centrally funded one for unskilled wages; 'G RAM G' downgrades it with states to bear 40%. States will now have to shell out around Rs 50,000+ crore. Kerala alone will have to bear an additional Rs 2,000–2,500 crore. Cost-shifting by stealth, not reform. This is the new federalism: states pay more, Centre walks away, yet claims the credit."

India eyes 100 GW nuclear power, opens door to private firms

KALYAN RAY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's target of achieving 100 gigawatts of nuclear power capacity by 2047 will need "active involvement" of the private sector, says the new Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) bill that seeks to open up the closely guarded sector for private firms.

Introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday by Minister of State Jitendra Singh, the SHANTI bill seeks to repeal the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and the Civil Liability to Nuclear Damage Act 2010 that currently govern the nuclear sector.

The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board will be reconstituted under the new bill, and the government may set up a separate regulatory agency for strategic projects.

Further, there will be new institutional arrangements, such as the Atomic Energy Redressal Advisory Council, designation of Claims Commissioners, and a Nuclear Damage Claims Commission for cases involving severe nuclear damage, with the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity acting as the appellate authority.

For over seven decades, the nuclear power sector was under strict government control, dominated by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, which runs a network of 24 pressurised heavy water reactors and light water reactors with an installed capacity of 8780 MW.

In addition, seven nuclear power reactors totalling 6,100 MW capacity are at various stages of construction/commissioning, and pre-project activities are going on for a few others, including the country's first joint venture nuclear power plant at Mahi-Banswara, being set up by NPCIL and National Thermal Power Corporation.

While NPCIL aims to provide nearly 50% of the targeted 100 GW capacity by 2047, the Union government needs to explore other options for the rest. "It is imperative to enact a new legislation to harness the full potential of India's nuclear energy and indigenous resources through active involvement of both the public and private sectors," the bill says in its Statement of Objects and Reasons.

It further seeks to leverage the contribution of domestic nuclear energy to augment the global nuclear energy ecosystem.

At the operational level, it lays down provisions for licensing and safety authorisation for specified persons involved in the production or use of nuclear energy, along with clear grounds for suspension or cancellation.

Moreover, the bill seeks to bring under regulation the use of nuclear and radiation technologies in areas such as healthcare, food and agriculture, industry and research, while exempting research, development and innovation activities from licensing requirements.

Nitish Kumar pulls down woman's hijab at govt event

PATNA, PTI: A newly recruited AYUSH doctor in Bihar was taken aback on Monday when Chief Minister Nitish Kumar pulled the hijab (veil) off her face, while she was receiving her letter of appointment.

The incident, a video clip of which has gone viral on social media, took place at 'Samvad', the CM's secretariat, where appointment letters were given away to more than 1,000 AYUSH doctors. Out of them, 10 appointees were handed over job letters by Kumar, while the rest got them online.

When it was the turn of Nusrat Parveen, who had turned up wearing a hijab, the 75-year-old CM frowned and exclaimed, "What is this?" The CM, who stood atop a raised platform, then bent down and pulled the hijab down.

The flustered appointee was, thereafter, hastily pulled aside by an official present on the occasion, while Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, who stood beside Kumar, was seen tugging at the latter's sleeve, in an apparent bid to restrain him.

Meanwhile, Opposition parties shared the video clip on their social media accounts, claiming that the incident was the latest proof of the JD(U) supremo's "unstable mental health".What

Jolt to Uddhav: Tejasvee Ghosalkar joins BJP

MUMBAI, DHNS: Ahead of the Mumbai civic-body polls, the BJP delivered a massive punch to Uddhav Thackeray as Tejasvee Ghosalkar joined it after quitting the Shiv Sena (UBT), ostensibly to ensure that the work at the local level was not affected.

Tejasvee is the wife of the late Abhishek Ghosalkar, both former corporators of the BrihanMumbai Municipal Corporation from the erstwhile undivided Shiv Sena.

It may be recalled that Abhishek was killed on February 8, 2024, in a shootout in Mumbai's Borivli-Dahisar area involving him and local businessman-philanthropist Mauris Noronha, alias Mauris Bhai — who later died by suicide.

Abhishek's father, Vinod Ghosalkar, is a former Shiv Sena MLA from Dahisar in Mumbai.

The Ghosalkar family has been known to be quite close to the Thackerays since the days of Balasaheb Thackeray.

Vinod, when asked about his daughter-in-law, refused to speak in detail. "We are clear from the beginning... We don't discuss politics at home," he said.

J&K: Cop killed, militant injured in Udhampur gunfight

SRINAGAR, DHNS/PTI: A policeman was killed and a terrorist is believed to be injured in a gunfight in a remote forest village in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday evening, officials said.

The encounter erupted at village Soan in Majalta area of the hilly district when security forces launched a search operation following information about the presence of three terrorists believed to be affiliated with Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit, they said.

Inspector General of Police, Jammu, Bhim Sen Tuti said the contact was established with the terrorists after police received precise input about them in the remote village.

Following the outbreak of the encounter, additional reinforcements were rushed to the area to strengthen the cordon and prevent the militants from escaping. Security forces, including the Army and paramilitary units, were reported to be maintaining a tight vigil as the operation continued late into the evening.

The officials said the encounter took place in the besieged village around 6 pm and continued for sometime, resulting in injuries to one SOG jawan who later succumbed to injuries.

One terrorist was also believed injured in the initial gunfight, they said, adding the operation was suspended for the night, and will be resumed with the first light of the day on Tuesday.

'Vote chori' is Cong issue; I.N.D.I.A bloc not linked: Omar

Remarks show growing rift within main Oppn coalition

ZULFIKAR MAJID
SRINAGAR, DHNS

SUPRIYA SULE
NCP-SP Lok Sabha MP

"I have been elected on the same machine, so I will not question the EVMs or VVPATs.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Monday made a clear distinction between the Opposition I.N.D.I.A bloc and the Congress's "vote chori" campaign, indicating growing rifts within the coalition ahead of key state polls and national political battles.

The remarks showed a visible shift in tone from an alliance that campaigned in unison during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

"Every political party has the liberty to set its own agenda," the National Conference (NC) leader told reporters, stressing that while Congress had made vote chori (vote theft) and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls its central issues, his party would focus on matters it deemed pertinent to constituencies in J&K.

Abdullah's distancing from Congress's campaign comes shortly after his remarks at a media summit, where he described the I.N.D.I.A bloc as 'on life support', saying the alliance has struggled to maintain cohesion and an effective joint strategy since the 2024 general elections.

He said poor coordination contributed to Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar returning to the BJP-led NDA fold, and also criticised the bloc's inability to integrate partners like the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha in seat-sharing discussions.

Political analysts say Abdullah's comments reflect deepening fault lines within the opposition, particularly between the Congress and the NC. While the I.N.D.I.A bloc remains intact on paper, regular joint meetings and unified messaging have been sparse, prompting leaders like Abdullah to question the alliance's relevance beyond parliamentary elections. In recent months, the NC has emphasised regional priorities — notably the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood and local governance issues — over national sloganeering.

Abdullah has reiterated that while cooperation among opposition parties is valuable, individual constituents must also pursue their autonomous political agendas rather than be bound by a single, Congress-led narrative.

'No rural job works in peak farm season'

SHEMIN JOY
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The VB-G RAM G Bill mandates a halt on rural job works for up to 60 days to ensure adequate labour supply. PTI

No works will be undertaken under the proposed rural job guarantee law, or the Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevka Mission (Gramin): VB-G RAM G Bill, 2025, for up to 60 days during peak agricultural seasons to ensure adequate labour supply. This comes amid studies claiming that the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is contributing to a labour crisis in the farm sector.

According to the VB-G RAM Bill, states must notify in advance a period aggregating up to 60 days in a financial year, covering the peak agricultural seasons of sowing and harvesting, during which no works under the rural job guarantee scheme are to be undertaken.

State governments can issue distinct notifications for different areas, including districts, blocks or gram panchayats, based on agro-climatic zones, local patterns of agricultural activity or other relevant factors. Every such notification will have a binding effect.

All authorities responsible for planning, sanctioning or executing works should ensure that works are undertaken only outside the notified peak seasons, the bill proposes.

In one of its annual reports, the RBI had said that the MGNREGA, which the new bill seeks to repeal and replace, is causing a labour crisis in agriculture.

"In view of the enhanced wage-employment guarantee for the rural workforce, it is crucial to facilitate the availability of farm labour, especially during peak agricultural season," the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill said.

Government sources said farmers benefit directly through both labour availability and better agricultural infrastructure. Notification of peak seasons prevents labour shortages during critical farm operations and avoids labour being diverted away to guaranteed-wage worksites, they said.

Stopping public works during peaks also prevents artificial wage inflation that raises food production costs, sources said, adding that prioritised water works would improve irrigation, groundwater and multi-season cropping potential.

Under the proposed scheme, they said, core and livelihood infrastructure development will help farmers store produce, reduce losses and access markets. The works under climate resilience will help protect crops and reduce damage.

Prez nixes Bengal CM-as-Chancellor proposal

KOLKATA, PTI: President Droupadi Murmu has withheld assent to three amendment Bills passed by the West Bengal Assembly, seeking to replace the governor of the state with the chief minister as chancellor of state-run universities, an official said on Monday.

As a result, Governor CV Ananda Bose will continue to discharge his duties as the Chancellor in accordance with the existing legal provisions.

In April 2024, Bose had reserved the West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022, the Aliah University (Amendment) Bill, 2022, and the West Bengal University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2022, for the consideration of the President of India. The West Bengal University of Health Sciences (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

Mamata Banerjee

All the Bills, passed in June that year, sought to replace the governor with the CM as the chancellor of the state-aided universities. Jagdeep Dhankhar was the governor of West Bengal at that time.

The tussle over administration of state-run universities between the state government and the Governor prompted the Mamata administration to bring the legislation. The state government had argued that the change would facilitate faster administrative decision-making and more effective governance of universities.

After examination at the central level, the President withheld assent to the Bills. As a result, the principal Acts governing state-aided universities, which provide that "the Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be the Chancellor of the University," will continue to remain in force, the official said.

BJP fast-tracks TN poll work with Piyush Goyal in charge

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CHENNAI, DHNS

ELECTORAL MOVES

- BJP fast-tracks efforts to convince EPS to re-induct Panneerselvam, TTV into NDA
- Piyush Goyal is poll in-charge; Arjun Ram Meghwal, Muralidhar Mohol co-in-charges
- OPS has expressed willingness to rejoin NDA, and said that he will not explore other political options until February

Days after Union Home Minister Amit Shah asserted that the BJP's "next target" was Tamil Nadu, the party has fast-tracked its efforts to convince AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami to agree to the induction of rebel leaders like O Panneerselvam and T T V Dhinakaran into the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

After Shah had a detailed discussion with Tamil Nadu BJP chief Nainar Nagenthran, the party on Monday brought back Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal as the election in-charge and Union Ministers of State Arjun Ram Meghwal and Muralidhar Mohol as co-in-charges.

Goyal was instrumental in stitching the BJP's alliance with the AIADMK in 2019 and has the experience of dealing with Palaniswami, a "tough negotiator" when it comes to seat allocation to alliance partners.

"We felt the need for an experienced political hand to deal with the AIADMK and EPS, and Goyal fits the requirements... There are several issues that have to be sorted out in the alliance," a source told *DH*.

With Palaniswami firm on his stand of not being willing to take OPS, TTV, and V K Sasikala back into the AIADMK, the BJP is now pushing him to at least accept them as NDA partners.

The BJP believes the trio not being part of the NDA would further alienate Mukulathors, a dominant community to which they belong, from it and the AIADMK.

Union Ministers Amit Shah and JP Nadda congratulate newly appointed BJP national working president Nitin Nabin during a ceremony in New Delhi. He took charge of his new responsibility on Monday. PTI

Dense smog chokes Delhi-NCR; AQI in 'severe' category

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Delhi and its surrounding cities on Monday experienced one of the season's worst smogs due to dense fog.

As a result, a thick blanket of blackish-grey haze hung over the national capital region for the better part of the day.

By evening, the air quality index (AQI) of Delhi (427), Ghaziabad (444), Noida (437), and Greater Noida (447) were in the "severe" category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board data.

Jahangirpuri in Delhi recorded an AQI of 498, which is the worst among Delhi's 40 monitoring stations.

The season's first dense fog layer appeared to extend from West Uttar Pradesh to South Punjab across South Haryana, Delhi, and north Rajasthan.

In many places, visibility dropped between 50 metres and 200 metres. The dense fog, mixed with Delhi-NCR's high air pollution, created the choking smog.

Early-morning poor visibility led to large-scale flight disruptions at Delhi airport, but conditions improved later.

Over 60 flights were cancelled, five were diverted, and 250 were delayed due to poor visibility conditions, said officials.

According to the IMD, dense to very dense fog conditions were very likely to prevail in the morning in isolated pockets of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav held a high-level review of air pollution action plans of Ghaziabad and Noida.

Current dowry laws ineffective and misused, says Supreme Court

Says eradication of practice constitutional, social necessity

ROOTING OUT EVIL

- Restoring conviction of Ajmal Beg his mother Jamila Beg, apex court says dowry not limited to a single religion
- Says 'concentrated effort' from all needed to deal with this issue
- Asks HCs to ascertain the number of pending cases dealing with IPC Sections 304-B and 498-A chronologically, for expeditious disposal
- Says the law suffers from ineffectiveness and so, dowry remains rampant
- Adds that provisions of Dowry Prohibition Act 'have also been used to ventilate ulterior motives

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday said the eradication of dowry was an urgent constitutional and social necessity, highlighted that existing laws suffered from both "ineffectiveness" and "misuse", and said that the evil practice remained rampant.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Karol and N Kotiswar Singh directed the Central and state governments to consider changes to educational curricula across levels, reinforcing the constitutional position that parties to a marriage were equal and one was not subservient to the other.

Holding that "concentrated effort" from all was needed to deal with the issue, the court passed several directions, including asking high courts to ascertain the number of pending cases dealing with Indian Penal Code (IPC) Sections 304-B and 498-A chronologically for expeditious disposal.

While Section 304-B of the erstwhile IPC deals with dowry death, Section 498-A pertains to the offence of husband or his relatives subjecting a married woman to cruelty.

The bench allowed an appeal filed by the Uttar Pradesh government against an HC judgment, and restored the conviction of husband Ajmal Beg and mother-in-law Jamila Beg.

The court directed the husband to surrender within four weeks to serve a life term. It, however, refrained from incarcerating Jamila as she was 94 years old. They had been held guilty of setting Ajmal's wife ablaze after just over a year of marriage in 2000 and killing her for failing to bring a colour television, a motorcycle, and Rs 15,000 in dowry. It stated that this case demonstrated that dowry was not exclusive to Hindus, but was also found in other religions.

It also said: "While on the one hand the law suffers from ineffectiveness and so the malpractice of dowry remains rampant, on the other hand the provisions of the Dowry Prohibition Act have also been used to ventilate ulterior motives along with IPC Section 498-A. This oscillation between ineffectiveness and misuse creates a judicial tension that needs urgent resolution."

The court noted that the accused were booked in this case, but that did not happen in many instances.

In its judgment, the bench said it had to be ensured that future generations were aware of the evil practice of dowry and the need to eschew it. The bench said the law provided for the appointment of dowry-prohibition officers in states. It posted the matter after four weeks to ensure compliance.

SC slams special pujas for affluent devotees in temples

NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday expressed displeasure over the practice of allowing people to perform "special pujas" in temples after paying money, which disrupts the "resting time" of the deity.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi sought a response from authorities on a plea challenging changes in darshan timings and temple practices at the Bankey Bihari Ji Temple in Vrindavan.

Senior advocate Shyam Divan and lawyer Tanvi Dubey, appearing for the petitioners, contested the change in darshan timings of the deity and the discontinuation of certain essential religious practices, including the Dehri Puja.

Divan contended that the darshan timings are part of tradition and rituals, and the hours during which the temple is open to the public are part of a tradition. He submitted that historically, strict timings had always been followed.

The counsel argued that changes in temple timings have altered internal rituals, including the hours when the deity wakes in the morning and rests at night. "What they do is, after closing the temple at 12 noon, they do not allow the deity to rest even for a moment, and they exploit the deity completely. The so-called affluent people, those who can afford to pay hefty amounts, are allowed to perform special pujas," the SC said.

"It is a very important period of rest for the deity. The court is raising an extremely important point. The timings are sacrosanct and must be maintained," the counsel contended.

Divan argued that recent changes in timings, introduced through office memoranda issued in September 2025, have disrupted essential religious practices in the temple.

The court issued notice to the apex court-appointed high-powered temple management committee and others, and scheduled the matter for hearing in the first week of January 2026.

The dispute arose against the backdrop of significant changes in the temple's governance framework. For decades, the 1939 Scheme of Management regulated the administration, rituals and financial affairs of the Bankey Bihari Temple. The Uttar Pradesh Shri Bankey Bihari Ji Temple Trust Ordinance, 2025, seeks to replace this scheme with a state-controlled trust, sparking debate over government involvement in religious institutions and its impact on established traditions.

In August, the SC declined to examine its constitutional validity, leaving that issue to the Allahabad High Court.

Couple's refusal to accommodate each other is cruelty: Apex court

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday said that though in matrimonial matters, it is not for the society or for the court to sit in judgment over which spouse's approach is correct or not, it is their strongly held views and their refusal to accommodate each other that amounts to cruelty to one another.

A bench of Justices Manmoham and Joymalya Bagchi dissolved the marriage of a couple solemnised in 2000, as the parties were living separately since 2001. It used its power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India to hold that the marriage between the parties has irretrievably broken down.

In the judgment, Justice Manmohan said this court was conscious of the view that the approach of the courts should be to preserve the sanctity of marriage and the court should be reluctant to dissolve the marriage at the mere asking of one of the parties. "But, in the present case, the parties have lived separately for far too long and there is no sanctity left in the marriage. Also, rapprochement is not in the realm of possibility. Grant of divorce in the present proceedings would not have a devastating effect on any third party, as there are no children from the wedlock," the bench said.

The couple got married in 2000. They knew each other prior to their marriage, as they had been working together since 1992. However, the wife left the matrimonial home in 2001 as the husband and her family insisted her to leave her job. The husband then sought divorce on the grounds of desertion.

The bench said this court has had the opportunity to deal with situations where parties have been living separately for a considerable time and it has been consistently held that a long period of separation without any hope for reconciliation amounts to cruelty to both parties.

Top court declines to entertain plea on IndiGo crisis

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday declined to entertain a plea in connection with the chaos caused by the cancellation and delays of flights by IndiGo airline.

The court, instead, asked the petitioner to approach the Delhi High Court for relief.

"We appreciate the issue but instead of parallel proceedings, you go to the high court," a bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, and also comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi told the petitioner.

The court noted that the same matter pertaining to IndiGo crisis was pending before the Delhi High Court for disposal. It asked the HC to allow the petitioner, Narendra Mishra, to intervene in the case pending before it.

"The petitioner, advocate Narendra Mishra, is at liberty to join the proceedings before the high court," the apex court said.

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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಕಗೃಮಂ/ಭೂಸ್ವಾವಿ/ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ/ದೇವಕಾತಿಕೊಪ್ಪ/41/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 09.12.2025

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಂದರೆ ವಸತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ–2 ಹೋಬಳಿ, ದೇವಕಾತಿಕೊಪ್ಪ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–07–2019ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ – 2019 (2019ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 16)ರ ಕಲಂ–10(ಎ)ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ–II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಆರ್.ಡಿ.11 ಎ.ಕ್ಯೂ.ಎಸ್.2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–11–2025ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:ಗುರುವಾರ, 04 ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 2025ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–12 ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮೋಜಣಿದಾರರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯಿಸುವ, ಭೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡವಿಡುವ, ಅನುಭವಿಸುವ, ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಭಂದಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಐತೀರ್ಪು ರಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–15(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 60 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ನೀಡದೇ ವಿಲೇಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಒಂದು ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–1, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕಸಬಾ(II) ಗ್ರಾಮ: ದೇವಕಾತಿಕೊಪ್ಪ

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಪಹಣಿಯಂತೆ ಖಾತೆದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಸರ್ವೆ/ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರ್	ಸರ್ವೆ ಖಾತಾ ನಂಬರಿನಲ್ಲಿನ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ (ಪಹಣಿ/ಉತ್ತಾರ ಅನ್ವಯ)		ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೊಳಪಡುವ ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ತರಹೆ	ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ /ಸರಹದ್ದು				ಪರಾ
	ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರು / ಹಿಡುವಳಿದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು	ಅನುಭವದಾರರ ಹೆಸರು		ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಕೃಷಿ / ಕೃಷಿಯೇತರ ಜಮೀನು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)	ಖರಾಬು (ಎ–ಗುಂ)		ಪೂರ್ವ	ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ	ಉತ್ತರ	ದಕ್ಷಿಣ	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	3/1	2–39	0–00	2–39 ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ. 2	ರಸ್ತೆ &7/1, 7/2, 9/1 & 9/2	ಸ ನಂ.1	ಸ ನಂ.3/2	
2	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	6/4	2–24	0–00	2–24	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ. 5/2, 6/1	ಸ ನಂ. 6/1	ಸ ನಂ. 6/5 6/6	ಸ ನಂ. 6/1	
3	ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ	ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ	7/1	2–22	0–00	2–22	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ.3/1	ಸ ನಂ.8/2	ಸ ನಂ. 9/2	ಸ ನಂ. 7/3	
4	ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ (ಭೂ.ಪ)	ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಬಿನ್ ಸಿದ್ದಲಿಂಗಯ್ಯ (ಭೂ.ಪ)	7/3	5–20	0–00	5–20	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 7/2 & 3/3	ಸ ನಂ 8/2	ಸ ನಂ. 7/1	ಸ ನಂ. 5/3 7/4, 6/5	
5	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	7/4	0–20	0–00	0–20 ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ. 6/5	ಸ ನಂ. 8/2	ಸ ನಂ. 7/3	ಸ ನಂ. 6/1 6/5	
6	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	8/1	2–00	0–00	2–00 ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ 8/2	ಸ ನಂ 12/4 12/5	ಸ ನಂ 8/3	ಸ ನಂ 12/2 12/4	
7	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಲಲಿತಮ್ಮ ಕೋಂ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ನಳಿನ ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ ಸಿ.ವಿ.ವಾಗೇಶ್ ಬಿನ್ ಎಂ.ಚನ್ನವೀರಯ್ಯ	8/2	3–12	0–00	3–12 ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಂಟಿ	0–00	ಖುಷ್ಕಿ	ಸ ನಂ. 7/1 7/3, 7/4, 9/2	ಸ ನಂ. 8/1 8/3	ಸ ನಂ. 9/1, 9/2	ಸ ನಂ. 12/2	
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SC asks why full leaked clips on Biren Singh not sent for forensic test

Says it is disturbed that only select Manipur audio clips were examined

ASHISH TRIPATHI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

The Supreme Court on Monday asked why the entire available leaked audio clips, allegedly showing the role of former Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh in the 2023 ethnic violence, were not sent for forensic examination.

The top court said it was 'little disturbed' by the affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioners on November 20 that 'states to the effect that only select clippings were sent'.

The court asked the government authorities why the entire available leaked audio clip of around 48 minutes was not sent to Gujarat's National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) for examination.

The NFSU had virtually given a clean chit, saying the leaked audio clips were 'tampered with'.

Biren Singh resigned as the chief minister of Manipur on February 9, amid rumblings within the state BJP and growing demands for a change in leadership.

On Monday, a bench of Justices Sanjay Kumar and Alok Aradhe expressed unhappiness, saying it was 'a little disturbed' by the affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioners on November 20.

The counsel appearing for the respondents said the affidavit was not served upon them.

"Now this affidavit, which according to you has not been served upon you, states to the effect that only select clippings were sent...," the bench said.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the petitioners, said that probably the full audio clips filed by them were not sent to NFSU.

When the counsel for the respondents said they would respond to the affidavit, the bench asked why the full material was not sent to the NFSU and observed, "But why should time be wasted again?" The bench then sought to know "how much of the material is actually available?"

Bhushan said the total audio tapes were of roughly 56 minutes and the petitioners have filed 48 minutes in the court.

Bhushan further said that the remaining part of the audio clips identifies the person who made that record, and if his identity was disclosed, his life could be in danger.

"Once the entire tape was available with you, the entire tape ought to have been sent to the NFSU. Why should they send only this limited one?" the bench asked.

Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, who appeared in the matter, sought a week's time to respond to the affidavit.

Taking the affidavit on record, the bench fixed the matter for hearing on January 7.

SC seeks Centre's response on plea for autism care guidelines

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Monday issued notice to the Centre and others on a plea seeking the constitution of a national expert committee to formulate comprehensive guidelines for the care, rehabilitation and protection of persons with autism and other intellectual disabilities.

A bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan sought responses from the Union government's Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities and other authorities on the plea filed by NGO Hrdya Saras Foundation and others.

"We issue notice to the respondents. Once the replies are filed, we will hear the matter," the bench said.

The plea also sought appropriate directions to the Centre and others to establish population-based residential facilities for persons with autism and other intellectual disabilities in every district.

It urged the court to direct the authorities to frame comprehensive and binding standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the establishment, regulation and monitoring of such facilities.

The petition further sought directions for setting up a national expert committee comprising representatives of autistic persons, parents' associations, disability rights experts and medical professionals to formulate and finalise comprehensive guidelines for the care, rehabilitation and protection of such persons across the country.

Goa club fire: HC converts suit into PIL, seeks accountability

PANAJI/BANGKOK, PTI

The Bombay High Court on Monday converted a civil suit against Birch by Romeo Lane nightclub into a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), saying "someone has to be held accountable" for the tragedy in which 25 people were killed.

In a related development, Thai authorities are set to take up the case involving Gaurav Luthra and Saurabh Luthra, co-owners of the nightclub, with a Bangkok court likely to decide the next course of action, according to sources.

The Luthras left for Phuket shortly after the fire incident. An Interpol Blue Corner Notice was issued against them. They were detained by Thai authorities on December 11.

The Goa police have arrested six persons so far in connection with the December 6 fire tragedy.

In a stern observation, the Goa bench of Justices Sarang Kotwal and Ashish Chavan said the local panchayat had "failed to take suo motu cognisance" of the club and had taken "no action despite complaints."

The bench pointed out that commercial operations were continuing in the structure despite it having been served a demolition order and directed the Goa government to file a detailed reply on the permissions granted to the facility.

The HC had fixed January 8 as the next date of hearing.

The original petition was filed by Pradeep Ghadi Amonkar and Sunil Divkar, owners of the land on which the nightclub was operating.

Advocate Rohit Bras de Sa, the lawyer representing the petitioner, was made amicus curiae in the matter and has been asked to file a detailed affidavit.

In their petition, Amonkar and Divkar highlighted "The alarming pattern of statutory violations that have remained inadequately addressed despite multiple complaints, inspections, show-cause notices, and even a demolition order".

They contended that these violations posed 'immediate threats to public safety, ecological integrity, and the rule of law in the state of Goa'.

Ram Temple movement leader Ram Vilas Vedanti dies at 67

LUCKNOW, DHNS: Former BJP MP and a prominent face of the Ram Temple movement, Ram Vilas Vedanti, died following a heart attack at a hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Rewa town on Monday.

An Ayodhya-based seer, the 67-year-old Vedanti was rushed to hospital after falling ill during a religious discourse in Rewa on Sunday, according to his disciples.

Reports said Vedanti had reached Rewa a few days earlier to hold a 'Ram Katha' discourse. An air ambulance was sent to Rewa to airlift him to Delhi, but it could not land due to dense fog.

One of the main accused in the Babri Masjid demolition cases, Vedanti was among the leaders who spearheaded the Ram Temple movement in the 1990s, along with senior BJP leaders L K Advani, Uma Bharti, former Uttar Pradesh CM Kalyan Singh and others.

His last rites will be performed on Tuesday in Ayodhya.

Vedanti, who was born on October 7, 1958, in Gudhwa (Gudh), in the Rewa district, was the executive president of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust and was a Member of Parliament on the BJP's ticket from Uttar Pradesh's Machhlishahar (1996 to 1998) and Pratapgarh (1998 to 1999).

A disciple of Mahant Abhiram Das of Hanumangarhi in Ayodhya, Vedanti lived in the Naya Ghat locality of the temple town. Vedanti was widely known for his sermons on the Hindu epic Ram Charit Manas.

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◆COMICS◆

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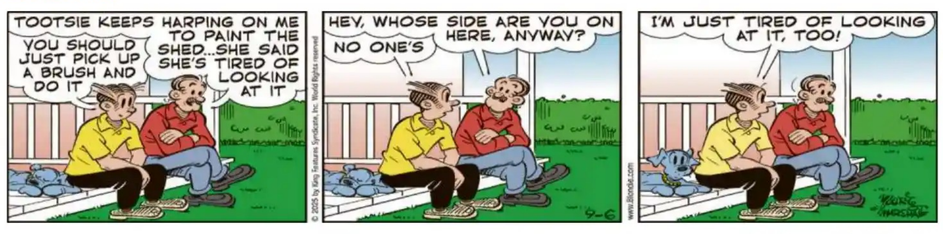


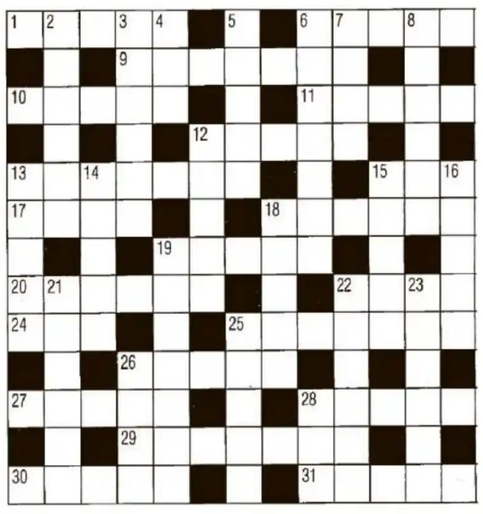
Hagar The Horrible

Beetle Bailey

Peanuts

Marvin

CROSSWORD CHALLENGE 12310



CRYPTIC

ACROSS
1 If you need a stiffener, have a couple (5)
6 Whale food to kill outright (5)
9 The merchant of Venice, heavy hearted (7)
10 Piano for the finale? (5)
11 Nick's not at church (5)
12 Is the new term for a robbery (5)
13 The baker's blunder? (7)
15 Trumpeter's favourite piece (3)
17 One islet or eight, we hear (4)
18 Very little time (6)
19 Rise and dress (3,2)
20 Spielberg at street level (6)
22 In Old English, is the French department (4)
24 One's own Mr Sloan (3)
25 Ruddy fishy cartels! (7)
26 Boy flying a kite at Southend (5)
27 In prison, an article one may tread on (5)
28 Triangular-shaped letter (5)
29 A not entirely illuminating guy (7)
30 Mixed dish a silly girl left (5)
31 Study in quietude (5)

DOWN
2 An artist to depend on, but not often (6)
3 Is unable to hide disappointment (6)
4 Finish in seven days (3)
5 He adores going across to Leatherhead (5)
6 Relative state of a sister vessel? (7)
7 Possibly square part of a plant? (4)
8 It's apt to have miniature contents (6)
12 She's on the way to get a heel mended (5)
13 This blighter's no beauty! (5)
14 Came through as nothing but a fuddled doze (5)
15 Student's little window on the world? (5)
16 Reversible doctrine (5)
18 Eat lunch? Not exactly (5)
19 Is he able to enlarge his forces? (7)
21 Progress in the style of an adder? (6)
22 East side (6)
23 Astride a steed, possibly (6)
25 Keeps best when held by saints (5)
26 Execute or finished work badly (4)
28 Many a piece of poetry from a female (3)

ACROSS
1 Wild (5)
6 Motive or reason (5)
9 Middle (7)
10 Sharp, severe (5)
11 Prisons (5)
12 Buffalo (5)
13 Austere (7)
15 Little devil (3)
17 Minus (4)
18 Rupture (6)
19 Sham (5)
20 Number (6)
22 Is obliged to (4)
24 Narrow brooch (3)
25 Before (5,2)
26 Stupidity (5)
27 Stamp book (5)
28 Explosive devices (5)
29 Thoughtful, solemn (7)
30 Of Switzerland (5)
31 DNA units (5)

DOWN
2 Get away (6)
3 Thespians (6)
4 Sheltered side (3)
5 Tarnish (5)
6 Wheedles (7)
7 Boy's name (4)
8 Type of sausage (6)
12 Truncheon (5)
13 Shuteye (5)
14 Poplar tree (5)
15 Bring upon oneself (5)
16 Christmas show (5)
18 Make haste (5)
19 Develops into (7)
21 Keep quiet or unseen (3,3)
22 Sullen (6)
23 Steady, firm (6)
25 Unadorned (5)
26 Ado (4)
28 Insect (3)

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD 12309

CRYPTIC
ACROSS: 3, Chops 8, M-Op.-ed 10, Resin 11, MIX 12, Ca-po-n 13, Janitor 15, To-we-r 18, Car 19, Tore-R-O 21, Carry on 22, I-van 23, De(CID)ed 24, Scat-ter 26, Dorset 29, Ion 31, Spoor 32, Snooped 34, Being 35, Ton 36, Green 37, Depth 38, Reaps.
DOWN: 1, Wo-ma-n 2, Mexican 4, Hear 5, Pro-ton 6, Senor(a) 7, Finer 9, Pin 12, C-orrect 14, Tar 16, Weser 17, Roads 19, Tooting 20, Fin-d-s 21, Cairo 23, Den-oted 24, SE-Rene 25, Too (two) 27, Op.-era 28, Sober 30, Tenth 32, Snip 33, Pop.

EASY
ACROSS: 3, Wisps 8, Beret 10, Radar 11, Eel 12, Comet 13, Apparel 15, Fit in 18, Tor 19, Menace 21, Settler 22, Sped 23, Dead 24, Riddles 26, Acumen 29, Lob 31, Mules 32, Tetanus 34, Rules 35, Tin 36, Minim 37, Tepee 38, Teeth.
DOWN: 1, Seeps 2, Belated 4, Idol 5, Prefer 6, Satin 7, Basic 9, Rep 12, Certain 14, Rot 16, Tales 17, Needs 19, Meddles 20, Islam 21, Seoul 23, Debates 24, Resume 25, Lot 27, Cumin 28, Merit 30, Dunes 32, Tent 33, Nip.

◆SU-DO-KU-6778◆

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		9	5	8	7			
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	7		1	4			9	

hard

SOLUTION TO 6777

1	7	3	9	5	8	2	6	4
5	2	4	3	7	6	9	8	1
9	6	8	2	4	1	3	7	5
7	9	1	8	2	4	6	5	3
2	4	6	5	9	3	7	1	8
3	8	5	1	6	7	4	9	2
4	1	9	6	8	2	5	3	7
8	5	7	4	3	9	1	2	6
6	3	2	7	1	5	8	4	9

To solve the puzzle: To solve a su-do-ku puzzle, every digit from1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows, and in each of the nine boxes.

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U1	I1	S1	P3	G2	E1	P3	Triple Word Score	RACK 1
E1	U1	F4	N1	N1	L1	S1	Triple Word Score	RACK 2
E1	U1	C3	N1	Q10	N1	I1	Triple Word Score	RACK 3
S1	E1	U1	L1	H4	S1	S1	Triple Word Score	RACK 4
E1	O1	O1	T1	N1	F4	S1	Triple Word Score	RACK 5

PAR SCORE 245-255
by JUDD

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

T1	A1	R1	T1	A1	N1	A1	RACK 1 =	64
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U1	G2	L1	I1	F4	Y4		RACK 3 =	39
W4	A1	L1	L1	O1	W4		RACK 4 =	20

PAR SCORE 85-95 JUDD'S TOTAL 133

HITORI-3232

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SOLUTION TO 3231

5	1	■	7	■	4	6	■
■	4	5	8	2	■	3	7
8	7	■	2	3	1	■	4
4	■	2	3	8	■	1	5
1	8	■	4	■	6	7	■
3	■	1	5	4	■	2	8
6	3	8	■	1	7	4	■
2	■	4	1	■	8	5	6

To solve the puzzle: Eliminate numbers by filling in squares so that remaining cells in that row or column do not repeat that number more than once. Filled-in cells cannot be horizontally or vertically adjacent. The un-filled cells must form a single component connected horizontally and vertically.

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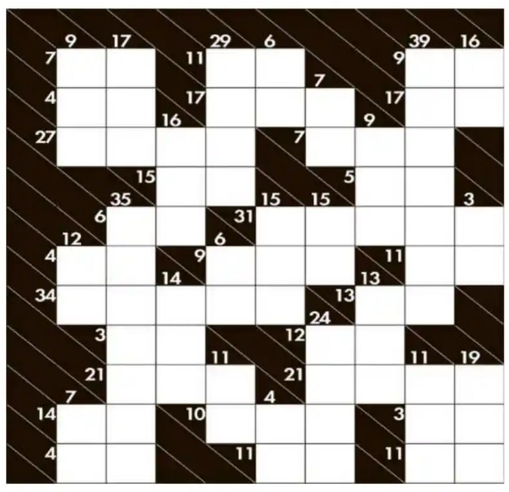

SOLUTION TO 3231

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SOLUTION TO 3766

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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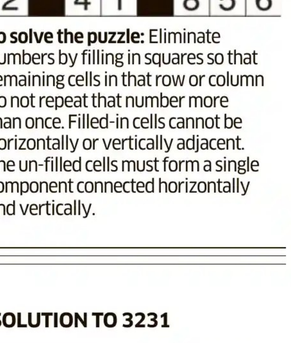

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: UNCLE OCCUR SYSTEM MELODY
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SECURITY THREATS

Militant groups experimenting with AI, risks expected to grow

Extremists are using the technology to recruit, spread propaganda and launch cyberattacks

WASHINGTON, AP/PTI

As the rest of the world rushes to harness the power of artificial intelligence, militant groups also are experimenting with the technology, even if they aren't sure exactly what to do with it.

For extremist organisations, AI could be a powerful tool for recruiting new members, churning out realistic deepfake images and refining their cyberattacks, national security experts and spy agencies have warned. Someone posting on a pro-Islamic State group website last month urged other IS supporters to make AI part of their operations. "One of the best things about AI is how easy it is to use," the user wrote in English.

"Some intelligence agencies worry that AI will contribute (to) recruiting," the user continued. "So make their nightmares into reality."

IS, which had seized territory in Iraq and Syria years ago but is now a decentralised alliance of militant groups that share a violent ideology, realised years ago that social media could be a potent tool for recruitment and disinformation, so it's not surprising that the group is testing out AI, national security experts say. For loose-knit, poorly resourced extremist groups — or even an individual bad actor with a web connection — AI can be used to pump out propaganda or deepfakes at scale, widening their reach and expanding their influence.

PROPAGANDA TOOL

- Militant organisations, including Islamic State and al-Qaida, are increasingly testing artificial intelligence to boost recruitment, spread propaganda, create deepfakes and enhance cyber capabilities, even with limited resources.

"For any adversary, AI really makes it much easier to do things," said John Laliberte, a former vulnerability researcher at the National Security Agency who is now CEO of cybersecurity firm ClearVector. "With AI, even a small group that doesn't have a lot of money is still able to make an impact."

Militant groups began using AI as soon as programmes like ChatGPT became widely accessible. In the years since, they have increasingly used generative AI programmes to create realistic-looking photos and video. When strapped to social media algorithms, this fake content can help recruit new believers, confuse or frighten enemies and spread propaganda at a scale unimaginable. Such groups spread fake images two years ago of the Israel-Hamas war depicting bloodied, abandoned babies in bombed-out buildings.

The images spurred outrage and polarisation while obscuring the war's actual horrors.

Violent groups in the Middle East used the photos to recruit new members, as did antisemitic hate groups in the US and elsewhere. Something similar happened last year after an attack claimed by an IS affiliate killed nearly 140 people at a concert venue in Russia. In the days after the shooting, AI-crafted propaganda videos circulated widely on discussion boards and social media, seeking new recruits.

WORLD AT A GLANCE

Louvre museum employees on strike gather in front the glass Pyramid to protest their working conditions, the state of the museum's buildings and staffing issues, in Paris on Monday. REUTERS

Director Rob Reiner's son held for murder after parents' deaths

Rob Reiner

▸ Police took Rob Reiner's son into custody after the Hollywood director of hits including "When Harry Met Sally" and his wife were found dead in their Los Angeles home, US media reported Monday, AFP reports.

Networks CBS and ABC said Nick Reiner was arrested, and the Los Angeles Times reported he was booked into the Los Angeles County jail on suspicion of murder, citing jail records. Los Angeles deputy police chief Alan Hamilton had said earlier they were seeking to interview "every family member" of the 78-year-old actor-director and his wife, Michele Singer Reiner. The bodies were discovered Sunday and police said they were treating the case as an "apparent homicide." As tributes poured in for Reiner, Donald Trump unleashed a crude broadside on the Hollywood icon, appearing to blame the deaths on the director's "raging" criticism of the US president. Several US news media cited police sources as saying the couple were stabbed.

India Chair at Tel Aviv University

▸ Strengthening Indo-Israel strategic partnership, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed on Monday between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Tel Aviv University (TAU) to establish an India Chair at the academic institute, PTI reports from Tel Aviv.

Ambassador of India to Israel, JP Singh, and Prof. Ariel Porat, President of Tel Aviv University, formally signed the MoU, establishing the India Chair at the TAU for the first time. Singh also held a productive meeting with the President and Heads of various faculties of the university to explore avenues for further strengthening educational and academic collaboration between India and Israel.

Chile's president-elect Jose Antonio Kast, of the Partido Republicano party, gives a speech in Santiago on Sunday. AFP

3 Indians on teacher prize shortlist

▸ Three educators from India making an impact with their visionary and innovative teaching initiatives were named in the top 50 shortlist for the USD 1 million Global Teacher Prize 2026 on Monday, PTI reports from London.

Sudhanshu Shekhar Panda, a schoolteacher from Meerut; Mehraj Khourshid Malik, a teacher from Jammu and Kashmir; and Rouble Nagi, working on education in slums and rural communities across India, are in the running for the annual prize. The GEMS Education worldwide contest by UK-based Varkey Foundation, organised in collaboration with the Unesco, received over 5,000 nominations from 139 countries for its 10th edition.

Comet swinging past Earth

▸ A stray comet from another star swings past Earth this week in one last hurrah before racing back toward interstellar space, AP/PTI reports from Cape Canaveral (US).

Discovered over the summer, the comet known as 3I/Atlas will pass within 269 million km of our planet on Friday, the closest it gets on its grand tour of the solar system. NASA continues to aim its space telescopes at the visiting ice ball, estimated to be between 440 metres and 5.6 km in size. The comet will come much closer to Jupiter in March, zipping within 53 million kilometres. It will be the mid-2030s before it reaches interstellar space, never to return, said Paul Chodas, director of NASA's Centre for Near Earth Object Studies. It's the third known interstellar object to cut through our solar system.

Director Mona Fastvold (left) with actors Amanda Seyfried and Thomasin McKenzie attend the premiere of "The Testament of Ann Lee" in Los Angeles on Sunday. AFP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Jordanian king Abdullah II in Amman on Monday. PTI

India, Jordan discuss ways to expand bilateral relations

NEW DELHI, DHNS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday discussed with Jordan's King Abdullah II ways to expand bilateral cooperation, particularly in countering radicalisation and terrorism.

Modi arrived in Amman earlier in the day and was received at the airport by Jordanian Prime Minister Jafar Hassan, where he was accorded a ceremonial welcome. This marks the first bilateral visit to Jordan by an Indian prime minister in 37 years and coincides with the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

"I am sure this visit will boost bilateral linkages between our nations," Modi posted on X after arriving in Amman.

The Prime Minister lauded King Abdullah II for Jordan's strong commitment to combating terrorism and violent extremism. The two leaders discussed ways to expand cooperation in addressing these threats.

Modi will also visit Ethiopia and Oman over the next two days before returning to New Delhi.

Australia to tighten gun laws after Bondi Beach attack

Leaders act after antisemitic beach shooting

SYDNEY, AFP

Australia's leaders agreed on Monday to toughen gun laws after attackers killed 15 people at a Jewish festival on Bondi Beach, the country's worst mass shooting in decades, which authorities denounced as antisemitic "terrorism".

Dozens fled the popular tourist hotspot in panic after a father and son opened fire on crowds gathered on the Sydney beach to mark the start of Hanukkah on Sunday evening.

Among the dead were a 10-year-old girl, a Holocaust survivor and a local rabbi. Forty-two others were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds and other injuries.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese convened a meeting of state and territory leaders on Monday, with all agreeing "to strengthen gun laws across the nation".

Albanese's office said the leaders would examine ways to improve background checks for firearm owners, bar non-nationals from obtaining gun licences and restrict the types of weapons that are legal.

Mass shootings have been rare in Australia since a lone gunman killed 35 people in the tourist town of Port Arthur in 1996, prompting sweeping reforms long regarded as a global benchmark.

Those measures included a gun buyback scheme, a national firearms register and a crackdown on the ownership of semi-automatic weapons.

Sunday's attack has raised fresh questions about how the father and son — who public broadcaster ABC said may have had links to the Islamic State group — obtained the firearms.

Police are still investigating what motivated the attack, though authorities have said it targeted Australia's Jewish community.

Albanese described the shooting as "an act of pure evil, an act of antisemitism, an act of terrorism on our shores".

World leaders expressed outrage, with US President Donald Trump condemning the "antisemitic attack".

The gunmen fired on an annual celebration attended by more than 1,000 people. They shot from a raised boardwalk overlooking the beach, which was crowded with swimmers enjoying the warm summer evening.

A woman cries as she pays her respects to victims of a shooting during a Jewish holiday celebration at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia, on Monday. REUTERS

'Hero' who disarmed gunman recovering

SYDNEY, REUTERS: A Sydney resident who wrestled a gun from one of the alleged attackers during the mass shooting at Bondi Beach is recovering in hospital after undergoing surgery for bullet wounds to his arm and hand, his family said.

Forty-three-year-old Ahmed al Ahmed was identified on social media as the bystander who hid behind parked cars before charging at the gunman from behind, seizing his rifle and knocking him to the ground.

Jozay Alkanji, cousin of Ahmed al Ahmed, speaking while he was leaving the hospital in Sydney on Monday evening said: "He's done the first surgery. I think he's got two or three surgeries, that depend on the doctor, what he says."

Chris Minns, the premier of New South Wales state where Sydney is located, has hailed him "a genuine hero" and said the video was "the most unbelievable scene I've ever seen".

Hong Kong media tycoon Jimmy Lai convicted

British government slams court's verdict

HONG KONG, AP/PTI

Jimmy Lai, the pro-democracy former Hong Kong media mogul and outspoken critic of Beijing, was convicted in a landmark national security trial in the city's court on Monday, which could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

Three government-vetted judges found Lai, 78, guilty of conspiring with others to collude with foreign forces to endanger national security and conspiracy to publish seditious articles. He pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Lai was arrested in August 2020 under a Beijing-imposed national security law that was implemented following massive anti-government protests in 2019. Lai has spent five years in custody, much of it in solitary confinement, and his family said his health has declined rapidly. He has also been convicted of several lesser offences related to fraud allegations and his actions in 2019.

Lai's trial, conducted without a jury, has been closely monitored by the US, Britain, the European Union and political observers as a barometer of media freedom and judicial independence in the former British colony, which returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Sebastien Lai, one of his children, said the family was saddened but not surprised by the verdict.

"In the 800-page verdict they have there is essentially nothing, nothing that incriminates him," he told reporters in London. "This is a perfect example of how the national security law has been moulded and weaponised against someone who essentially said stuff that they didn't like."

Sebastien Lai Sung-yan, son of jailed media mogul Jimmy Lai, addresses a press conference in London on Monday. AFP

CRITIC OF CHINA

- The 78-year-old media tycoon, a British citizen, has been in jail since December 2020.
- Lai has been convicted of colluding with foreign forces and publishing seditious material.

Putin signs into law key military pact with India

MOSCOW, PTI

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday signed into federal law a key military pact with India inked earlier this year after both houses of the Russian parliament ratified it, according to the Kremlin chancery.

The Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support (RELOS) agreement between the two countries was ratified by the State Duma (the lower house) on December 2 and by the Council of Federation (the upper house) on December 8.

The agreement was forwarded for presidential approval to be enacted into federal law.

The RELOS agreement sets the procedure for sending military formations, warships and military aircraft of Russia to India and vice versa, and the organisation of their mutual logistical support.

As noted in the explanatory note of the Russian cabinet, the agreement will regulate not only the dispatch of troops and equipment but also their logistics.

The established procedure will be used during joint exercises, training, humanitarian aid, disaster relief efforts, and in other cases as agreed.

In a note posted on the Duma website, the Russian Cabinet of Ministers stated that ratification of the document will facilitate mutual use of the two countries' airspace and port calls by Russian and Indian warships.

Furthermore, the agreement will strengthen military cooperation between the two countries.

The key military pact will enter into force after the exchange of instruments of ratification between the two countries.

Mutual use of air space and port calls

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Torrential rains and flash floods kill 37 in Morocco

CASABLANCA (MOROCCO), AP/PTI: Floods triggered by torrential rains have killed at least 37 people in the Moroccan coastal city of Safi, the Interior Ministry said on Monday.

Authorities said heavy rain and flash floods overnight inundated about 70 homes and businesses and swept away 10 vehicles.

Local outlets reported that schools announced three days of closures. Rains also caused flooding and damage elsewhere throughout Morocco, including the northern city of Tetouan and the mountain town of Tinghir.

Safi, a city on Morocco's Atlantic shore more than 320 kilometres from the capital Rabat, is a major hub for the country's critical fishing and mining industries. Both employ thousands to catch, mine and process the commodities for export. The city, with a population of more than 300,000 people, is home to a major phosphate processing plant.

Videos shared on social media showed cars stranded and partially submerged as floodwaters surged through Safi's streets. Climate change has made weather patterns more unpredictable in Morocco.

China upgrades its light battle tank for deployment in Tibet

BEIJING, PTI: China has upgraded its high-altitude light battle tank Type 99B with improved information-based command and communication capabilities and integrated firepower, according to media reports.

The reports about the upgraded battle tank came in the backdrop of India unveiling its indigenously developed Zorawar light tank for high-altitude mountain warfare, especially along the China border, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post said, citing official media reports.

The Zorawar tank, named after Dogra warrior General Zorawar Singh, weighs about 25 tonnes. China announced the development of its light tank in 2017 and displayed it in the September military parade in Beijing.

The upgraded model is designed to perform better in high-altitude and cold weather operations, according to state media. Significantly, China's tank weighs about 55 tonnes, heavier than India's Zorawar, which weighs 25 tonnes.

China's Type 99 is a third-generation main battle tank designed to compete with advanced Western rivals, the Post report said. The tank is equipped with a 125mm main gun, heavy armour and other passive and active protection systems. The earlier variant, Type 99A, has upgraded fire control, navigation, electronic and automated systems.

TCS and Infosys to bear brunt of Trump's $100,000 H-1B visa fee

BLOOMBERG

President Donald Trump's $100,000 price tag for new H-1B workers hired from outside the US will have punishing effects for the IT outsourcing and staffing industries that have long been a target of both parties.

The fee is the biggest restriction the Trump administration has imposed so far on employment of skilled foreign workers.

A Bloomberg News analysis found it will have a disproportionate impact on multinational staffing firms that act as middlemen for companies seeking H-1B workers. Those middlemen include Tata Consultancy Services Ltd., Infosys Ltd., and Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp.

Almost 90% of new H-1B hires at those three companies between May 2020 and May 2024 were approved at US consulates. The workers would have cost each of them hundreds of millions more if the fee had been in effect.

More than 93% of new Infosys H-1B hires in that timeframe—upwards of 10,400 workers—would have been hit with the $100,000 fee, according to the Bloomberg analysis, adding up to more than a billion dollars in visa charges.

Tata would have had to pay the fee for 6,500 workers over that period, or 82% of newly approved H-1B workers. Cognizant would be faced with the charge for more than 5,600 employees, or 89% of new H-1B hires.

Even if legal challenges are successful in quickly blocking the

fee, industry observers expect it will lead to a steep drop in visa demand and drive placement of more workers overseas.

"We're already seeing that happen," said immigration attorney Jonathan Wasden, who represents many IT employers. "The fear is that if you have truly exceptional talent overseas, those people are definitely going to be missing out."

Dominant H-1B firms

Large tech and IT firms have traditionally dominated the H-1B program, the primary pathway to US careers for foreign workers with at least a bachelor's degree. They claim most of the 85,000 visa slots available each year.

Both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have claimed that companies use the program as a cheap alternative to American workers, although H-1B employees must be paid a "prevailing wage" for their industry and early-career H-1B workers typically garner well above the US median wage.

Workers from outside the US, rather than recent international graduates of US colleges already in the country, accounted for more than four out of 10 new H-1B hires approved over the past four years, according to data analysed by Bloomberg News.

Fee burdens

IT employers took advantage of an online lottery process set up by Trump officials in 2020, allowing them to register H-1B workers for a low fee and without a detailed petition. The number of entries grew at breakneck speed, topping 758,000 eligible registrations in fiscal 2024.

DHS officials under President Joe Biden attributed the skyrocketing entries to IT consultants gaming the system before revamping the lottery last year. Trump's $100,000 fee is an even more punishing tool to block those companies from the program.

White House spokeswoman Taylor Rogers said in a statement it will give American businesses seeking high-skilled workers more certainty and discourage companies "from spamming the system and driving down wages."

States and business groups have filed separate challenges to the Trump fee, including one led by the US Chamber of Commerce. Many employers aren't waiting to see how that litigation plays out before adjusting their hiring plans.

The IT consulting industry had already pulled back on new H-1Bs since 2024 and the fee will push more jobs overseas, said Steve Hall, chief AI officer at Information Services Group Inc., a tech research firm that advises clients on IT outsourcing.

US-based corporations will likely boost investments in India, the source of most H-1B workers, over the next half decade, he said.

Most of the 10 biggest H-1B employers declined to comment on how the fee will shape hiring plans.

Rupee slumps 29 paise to close at all-time low

Domestic currency settles at 90.78/$

MUMBAI, PTI

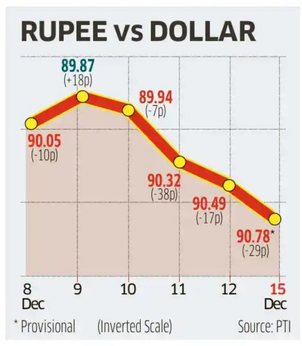
The Indian rupee on Monday crashed to its lowest-ever level of 90.80, before settling at a new all-time low of 90.78 against the US dollar, registering a loss of 29 paise over its previous close, weighed down by uncertainty over an India-US trade deal and persistent foreign fund outflows.

Forex traders said prevailing risk-averse market sentiment, compounded by strong US dollar demand from importers, further dented investor sentiment.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 90.53 against the US dollar, gained slightly to 90.51 level and then lost ground to hit a record intra-day low of 90.80, registering a 31-paise decline from its previous close.

At the end of trade on Monday, the rupee was quoted at a record low of 90.78, down 29 paise over its previous close.

On Friday, the rupee had slipped 17 paise to close at an all-time low of 90.49 against the American currency.



Worst performer

"The Indian rupee plunged to a record low, positioning it as the worst performer among the Asian currencies. Despite the better-than-expected trade balance number, the rupee was unable to find support," said Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities.

"In the near term, the technical bias for the spot USD-INR pair remains bullish, with key resistance at 90.95 and support at 90.50," Parmar added.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.08% lower at 98.32.

Gold surges Rs 4,000 to Rs 1.37 L/10g

NEW DELHI, PTI: Gold prices surged by Rs 4,000 to touch an all-time high of Rs 1,37,600 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, tracking firm global cues, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

The precious metal of 99.9% purity had closed at Rs 1,33,600 per 10 grams on Friday.

During the current calendar year, gold prices have surged Rs 58,650, or 74.3%, from Rs 78,950 per 10 grams on December 31, 2024.

On the other hand, silver prices remained flat at Rs 1,99,500 (inclusive of all taxes), as per the association.

So far in this year, silver prices have skyrocketed by Rs 1,09,800, or 122.41%, compared with Rs 89,700 per kg on December 31, 2024.

Trade deficit hits 5-month low on dip in gold, oil imports

Shipments to US jump by 22.6% despite high tariffs

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

India's merchandise trade deficit narrowed to a five-month low of $24.53 billion in November, helped by a sharp decline in gold, oil and coal imports, even as exports jumped despite high US tariffs, government data showed on Monday.

Goods exports rose to $38.13 billion in November, which is 19.38% higher when compared with $31.94 billion recorded in the same month, last year.

Shipments to the US jumped to $6.98 billion in November, recording a growth of 22.6% year-on-year. It was also higher when compared with October's $6.31 billion. India's exports to the US have posted positive growth after two months of decline. It was down 11.9% in September and 8.6% in October on a year-on-year basis. Overall merchandise exports are down by 12% in October, when compared with the same month, last year.

A healthy growth in exports has helped narrow the trade deficit. Merchandise trade deficit, or gap between the value of exports and imports, narrowed to $24.53 billion in November from a record high of $41.68 billion in October. In November 2024, the trade deficit stood at $31.93 billion.

"November has evened out our losses in October," Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said at a media briefing.

He said the shipments to the US have increased, despite high tariffs. On the proposed India-US trade deal, Agrawal said negotiators from both sides were engaged and the positive outcomes are likely soon. "We are in a zone where formal rounds may not be needed, but engagement remains on," he said.

India's merchandise imports in November fell to $62.66 billion, from $63.87 billion in the same month, last year.

India's total exports (merchandise and services combined) for November is estimated at $73.99 billion, registering a positive growth of 15.52% year-on-year. Total imports (merchandise and services combined) for November is estimated at $80.63 billion, which is 0.6% down, when compared with the same month last year, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) President SC Ralhan said diversification of markets along with the continued resilience of several key sectors, have played a crucial role in supporting export growth during the month.

"With sustained policy support, enhanced logistics efficiency, and access to competitive export financing, India's exports are well-positioned to maintain this positive trajectory in the coming months," Ralhan added.

Despite the imposition of a high 50% tariffs, the US remained India's top export destination during the April-November period. This demonstrates the resilience and adaptability of India's exporting community, he said.

After falling sharply in October, engineering goods exports jumped by 23.7% year-on-year to $11.01 billion in November 2025. "The latest numbers are quite encouraging, especially in light of the 50% punitive tariff imposed by the Trump administration on the bulk of items in India's export basket," said Pankaj Chadha, Chairman, Engineering Export Promotion Council of India.

"The strong performance in November shows the resilience of the engineering industry and also how it has been swiftly adapting to the evolving global situation with constant support from the government," Chadha added.

Cumulative value of gold imports in the April-November period stood at $45.3 billion, which is marginally higher than $43.8 billion recorded in the corresponding period of last year. This increase is due to the rise in gold price.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Description of work: Up-Gradation of Existing 100 Bedded TLH to 150 Bedded TLH at Kudli0gi, Vijayanagara District. Approximate Estimate cost: **Rs. 1182.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 15.00 Lakhs.** Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon): **15 Months.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **15.01.2026 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **16.01.2026 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP Platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids/individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP Portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

WPI inflation in negative for 2nd straight month

GYANENDRA KESHRI
NEW DELHI, DHNS

Wholesale inflation stayed in the negative zone for the second consecutive month in November, due to a decline in prices of food, metal and energy products, official data showed on Monday.

The annual Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation stood at (-) 0.32% in November. In October, it was at a 27-month low of (-) 1.21%.

Negative rate of inflation in November is primarily due to decrease in prices of food articles, mineral oils, crude petroleum & natural gas, manufacture of basic metals and electricity etc, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said.

Deflationary zone

Price of food items in November was 2.60% lower when compared with the same month last year. In October, this was 5.04% lower on a year-on-year basis. Food items have witnessed deflation in the wholesale market for the past eight consecutive months. It has been in a deflationary zone since April.

Manufactured products inflation declined to 1.33% in November, from 1.54% recorded in the previous month. Primary articles and fuel & power remained in the deflationary zone.

"The WPI deflation narrowed faster than expected to 0.3% in November 2025, from 1.2% in October 2025, reflecting the base effect, weakening INR and rising prices of some commodities," said Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist, ICRA.

"With the further depreciation in the INR, hardening commodity prices, and unseasonal rise in vegetable prices, and despite softening crude oil, we expect the WPI to move into a YoY inflation of around 0.5% in December 2025, and subsequently average above 1.5% in Q4 FY2026," she further said.

Govt appoints Ravi Ranjan as SBI MD

NEW DELHI, PTI: The government on Monday appointed Ravi Ranjan as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI).

Prior to this, Ranjan was the Deputy Managing Director at the bank and succeeded Vinay M Tonse, who completed his term on November 30, 2025.

Following the government's notification, Ranjan assumed the charge on Monday, SBI said in a regulatory filing. The government has cleared his appointment up to the date of his superannuation.

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Short term Two Cover System Tender Notice
(Through KPPP e-Procurement KW-III & IV)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 item rate tenders were invited in two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-3 & 4 through KPPP e-procurement from authorized PWD contractors registered in appropriate class for KW-3 Indent No's : 9449 & 15170 KW-4 Indent No's: 11483 & 15247 (General Category) Average amount put to tender is Rs. 62.77 lakhs to Rs. 264.62 lakhs. (Kolar Taluk 3 Road Works & Malur Taluk 1 Road Work) The contractor's are requested for participate in KPP Portal e-Tender through GOK **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Pre bid meeting schedule **dt : 19.12.2025 at 11.00 AM** in the undersigned office last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through website from **dt: 10.12.2025 to 22.12.2025 up to 4.00pm** and date of opening of technical bids in KPP portal on **date: 24.12.2025 at 11.00 am** The eligible technically qualified contractors financial bids opening **date : 26.12.2025.** The notification can be obtained from the KPPP e-procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. KPP Portal helpline No's for tender clarification with respect uploading and downloading you can **contact: +91-8046010000, +91-8068948777, +91-9240214000, +91-9240214001**

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Short Term Tender Notification No. 43/2025-26 DATED: 15.12.2025

Item-rate tenders, for the work in PWD, Doddaballapura Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP.

Tender Notification are Published for 05 works **(Rs. 6.00 to 40.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP portal.

1.Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated: 23.12.2025**

2.The opening of tenders through KPP portal on Dated: **24.12.2025 at 4.30 PM** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD, Bangalore Division, Bangalore.

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TOUGH BUSINESS

IndiGo crisis: 'It's 100% technology insufficiency'

UMA KANNAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

The country's largest airline IndiGo faced a massive operational crisis last week, leading to many flight cancellations. According to IBS Software Founder and Executive Chairman VK Mathews, it's "a 100% technology insufficiency", and that their (IndiGo) computer systems should have identified how the network would struggle or gotten disrupted, if they opted for it (new Flight Duty Time Limitation rules), because naturally you need more pilots. With this new scheme, pilots will be unable to serve as many hours of duty as earlier.

IBS Software is one of the leading IT product companies for the global travel industry providing specialised and proprietary mission-critical technology solutions to some of the world's largest airlines. Mathews, who is a specialist in aviation business, told *DH* that the airline has produced the winter schedule based on the new FDTL rules and that they did not have computer systems sophisticated enough to actually simulate what would happen to their network and their operation if these constraints were applied.

"I will not be wrong in saying that they did not see what was coming. If they had seen it, they would have been prepared. And what's the preparation going forward? Reduce the number of flights. Of course, it will affect their revenues. But that is better than the kind of disruption that it has caused," he added.

He also stressed on the need for creating successful airlines, because it is important for the country's growth. Speaking about the role of technology in the airline industry, he said an airline business has three distinct process areas — planning, selling and operating functions. In planning, one plans flights, schedules, price, routes, and so on, and whatever has been planned, has to be sold to customers. "And then when you sell it, you have to operate it. In all of these areas, technology plays a very important role," he said, adding that reliability, efficiency, productivity, and improved asset utilisation are the considerations of technology.

The travel industry is highly-dependent on technology. "It's one of the toughest businesses on earth... it is in the business of the most perishable commodity — a seat. An airline seat has no value once it takes off. It's gone forever and I cannot keep it for tomorrow," Mathews said.

Whenever there is demand, there is a surge in airline pricing, he said, adding that price is a factor that influences occupancy.

"There are very sophisticated systems that look at demand in the marketplace. What is it that other airlines are selling? How did the previous day's flights go? How did the last season go in the same month or same week? All of this is done. And this is the revenue management system that we provide. It will check and accordingly adjust the price dynamically," he explained, adding that the airline business is not a profitable one.

"It's not a great business. And we are angry when they're increasing the price. But they're not going to go anywhere, because they will still be in the ballpark of losses," he said.

Manu Bhaker

Bhaker, Brar win 25m pistol gold

NEW DELHI, PTI: Double Olympic bronze medallist Manu Bhaker and World Cup Final gold medallist Simranpreet Kaur Brar dished out commanding performances to clinch the senior and junior women's 25m pistol titles respectively at the National Shooting Championship Competitions here on Monday.

Manu shot 36 in the final to secure the gold medal, finishing four points clear of Divya TS of Karnataka, who took the silver with a score of 32.

Anjali Choudhary bagged the bronze with a score of 28, while Olympian Rhythm Sangwan finished fourth.

In a tough qualification round, Manu finished fourth with 581, while Divya topped with a score of 587. Anjali shot 582, while Sangwan scored 579.

Fresh from her gold-winning achievement at the elite season-ending World Cup Final in Doha, 21-year-old Simranpreet continued her impressive run shooting 39 to claim the gold in the junior women's 25m pistol event.

Dwaram Pranavi won silver, while Palak of Haryana took the bronze.

The junior qualification round was topped by Parisha Gupta, with Simranpreet coming in second with 578. Palak (575) finished third, while Dwaram Pranavi shot 572.

The 25m pistol team gold was clinched by Maharashtra with a combined score of 1726 (Shital Preetam Desai 577, Abhidnya Ashok Patil 575 and Rahi Sarnobat 574).

Army Marksmanship Unit (Anuja Verma, Sejal Raju Kamble, and Anjali Bhagwat) finished second with 1722, while Haryana (Rhythm Sangwan, Vibhuti Bhatia, and Tejaswani) secured the bronze medal with 1718.

The junior women's team gold in the event was won by Army Marksmanship Unit, while Delhi secured silver and Punjab took the bronze.

Tongue replaces Atkinson for third Test

ADELAIDE, AP: England cricket captain Ben Stokes called for his team to "show a bit of dog" against Australia in the third Ashes test with the series on the line. The tourists have made one change to the team beaten by eight wickets at the Gabba in the second test to slip 2-0 behind in the series, with Josh Tongue recalled in place of Gus Atkinson.

That meant there was no place for specialist spinner Shoaib Bashir, despite the match being played on a pitch for slow bowlers. Stokes said "proper meaningful conversations" have taken place over how to bounce back from successive losses.

She's A Beauty for feature

DELHI SELECTIONS

R Kumar-trained She's A Beauty and ridden by Shivam is fancied to win the Elusive Hero Plate, the feature event of the races to be run over a distance of five and half furlongs on Tuesday. The first race starts at 2 pm.

1. Sunrise Valley Plate - 1100M: Stylish Dancer 1, Aegir 2, Real Boss 2.
2. Cabaret Plate - 1600M: Burning Desire 1, Shahzada 2, Bumblebee 3.
3. Ardent Knight Plate (Div I) - 1100M: Meridia 1, Striking Distance 2, Senor 3.
4. Ardent Knight Plate (Div II) - 1100M: Eastern Crown 1, Telekinesis 2, Royal Baby 3.
5. Elusive Hero Plate - 1100M: She's A Beauty 1, Ronaldo 2, Adbhut 3.
6. Soviet Star Plate - 1200M: Time To Win 1, Bee Jay 2, Maya 3.
Day's best: Stylish Dancer. **Jackpot:** 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. **Treble:** 4, 5, 6.

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CRICKET

IPL Mini-Auctions: 2:30 pm. **LIVE** on **Star Sports Network, JioHotstar.**

U-19 Asia Cup: India vs Malaysia, Pakistan vs UAE **(both 10:30 am). LIVE** on **Sony Sports Network & SonyLIV.**

FOOTBALL

Messi leaves on a high

The Argentine footballer wraps up India tour with a special gift in Delhi

NEW DELHI, AFP

Lionel Messi (second from left) receives next year's T20 World Cup match ticket from ICC chairman Jay Shah on the final day of his India tour in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Football superstar Lionel Messi ended his whirlwind tour of India on Monday with a lap of honour in New Delhi, thrilling thousands of fans and thanking them for "all the love and support".

The 38-year-old Argentine great greeted chanting supporters at a nearly packed Arun Jaitley Stadium, usually home to cricket, with fans dressed in Argentina jerseys waving flags and shouting his name.

"It was beautiful to receive all the love and support. I knew it was there, but to receive it first-hand was, well, amazing", Messi told the crowd, speaking in Spanish, saying he will "definitely be back".

Clad in a pink jersey and black trousers, Messi enthralled the audience with his charm as he kicked footballs into the crowd and obliged star-struck delegates and fans with selfies.

ICC World Cup ticket

Messi and his fellow stars played football with children before being presented with a T20 World Cup ticket and an Indian jersey by the chairman of the ICC Jay Shah.

Former India football captain Bhaichung Bhutia took the stage with Messi, who signed Argentine jerseys for the Indian star and his family.

His final stop in India went smoothly after a chaotic opening day on Saturday, when fans vandalised a stadium in the city of Kolkata, where his brief presence left the crowd frustrated. Heavy security left fans struggling to catch a glimpse of him. Many had paid more than $100 for tickets, and they broke down barricades and stormed the pitch after the superstar abruptly left the arena.

In New Delhi, thousands of excited fans dismissed hazardous choking air pollution to see their hero.

"I'm very excited to see Messi, I have been watching him since my childhood", said 29-year-old fan Sumesh Raina.

Messi, who is in India as part of his so-called GOAT Tour along with his Inter Miami teammates Luis Suarez and Rodrigo de Paul, seemed unperturbed by the toxic air.

He looked in good spirits as he kept up his energy with fans and football enthusiasts in his 35-minute stay at the stadium.

Messi had also visited the cities of Hyderabad and Mumbai, where he met cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar and Indian football star Sunil Chhetri.

'I will be back'

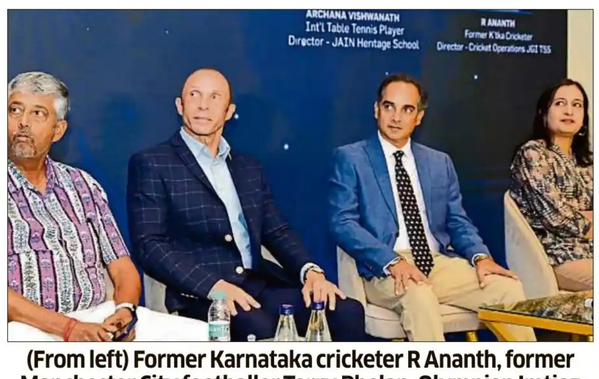
"Well, I just want to thank everyone for the love and affection during these days in India. In fact, it was a truly beautiful experience for us to be able to share it," Messi told the crowd.

"And although it was short and intense, it was wonderful to receive all this love that I knew existed, but receiving it directly was amazing. It was a crazy experience, everything they did for us these days."

Jain Sports, Manchester City launch football school

The ambitious programme is structured to develop grassroots

BENGALURU, DHNS



(From left) Former Karnataka cricketer R Ananth, former Manchester City footballer Terry Phelan, Olympian Imtiaz Anees and former table tennis player Archana Vishwanath during a panel discussion on Monday. DH PHOTO/ BK JANARDHAN

In a bid to nurture sporting excellence in India, the Jain Group on Monday officially launched Jain Sports here.

The move will act as a significant step in building India's most inclusive and sustainable sporting ecosystem, specialising in grassroot development, athlete representation cum management, sponsorship and also in setting up world-class sporting infrastructure for athletes to train.

The initiative is also built on 'Vision 2036', one which is clear and committed to develop medal contenders and athletes for the 2036 Olympics and international competitions across multiple sporting disciplines.

A panel discussion on "Potential to podium: What it takes to create sporting excellence" was also held. The panelists for the evening were TT legend Sharath Kamal, former Manchester City and Ireland footballer Terry Phelan, Olympian Imtiaaz Anees, former Karnataka cricketer R Ananth and former TT player Archana Vishwanath.

"When I made the decision to turn pro, it was quite tough because society back then really did not accept sport. More than proving myself at the national level as an accomplished player, the bigger challenge was to prove to the society that sport is also a career option many would like to take," Kamal said.

The panellists also spoke about an orientation programme for parents to help them understand the importance of a structure and an ecosystem in sport, which will bring about more changes and help young athletes to thrive without much pressure.

In another development, they also launch of a new football school, having joined hands with Manchester City, in hope of delivering top-notch football education through quality infrastructure. The programme is structured to nurture young players, with emphasis on their technique, leadership abilities and also education.

Feel 'sadness' on millions spent for selfies: Bindra

NEW DELHI, PTI: Olympic gold-winning former Indian shooter Abhinav Bindra on Monday criticised the manner in which Argentine football great Lionel Messi's tour of India has unfolded, saying he feels a "quiet sadness" seeing millions being spent for "moments of proximity photographs and fleeting access" to the legend.

Messi's three-day, four-city G.O.A.T Tour has expectedly triggered fan frenzy everywhere he has travelled.

It has also caused chaos as politicians, film celebrities, industrialists and officials have jostled to click pictures with him. In Kolkata this triggered a violent reaction from the general public, which failed to get even a clear glimpse of him despite spending thousands for tickets.

"...as his recent visit to India unfolded parts of it felt chaotic and left me quietly uneasy. It compelled me to pause and reflect not in judgment but in genuine concern about what we were really trying to achieve," he wondered aloud in an elaborate post on X.

"Millions were spent for moments of proximity photographs and fleeting access to a legend. And yes it is people's money earned honestly and theirs to spend as they choose.

"Still I can't help but feel a quiet sadness wondering what might have been possible if even a fraction of that energy and investment had been directed toward the foundations of sport in our country," he observed.

Bindra, however, made it clear that he has immense respect for the World Cup-winning Argentina captain.

Rodrygo strikes in vital Madrid win

VITORIA (SPAIN), AFP

Kylian Mbappe and Rodrygo Goes's **(in pic)** goals earned Real Madrid a tense 2-1 win at Alaves in La Liga on Sunday to potentially keep coach Xabi Alonso in his job.

Second-placed Madrid trimmed league leaders Barcelona's advantage back to four points and recorded only their third victory in the last nine games across all competitions.

After a home defeat by Manchester City in the Champions League on Wednesday, Spanish media reported that anything but a victory would cost Alonso his position.

After Mbappe's superb opener, Carlos Vicente pulled Alaves level in the second half, but Rodrygo secured the visitors a much-needed victory at Mendizorroza stadium.

Alonso was able to bring his key player, Mbappe, back into the side after he could only watch the defeat by City from the bench because of a painful knee.

The coach also handed a debut to Victor Valdepenas at left-back, with both Alvaro Carreras and Fran Garcia suspended, and Ferland Mendy one of several players out injured.

Mbappe appeared to be feeling his knee and also hobbling in the first few minutes but, despite that, was the game's most influential player.

Sree Gajanana FC secure 4-0 win

BENGALURU, DHNS: Sree Gajanana FC secured a dominant 4-0 victory over Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports FC in the BDFA A Division League Championship at the Bangalore Football Stadium on Monday.

B Niroshan Mani opened scoring in the 18th minute and R Robinson doubled it in the 49th minute for Sree Gajanana.

Rahul M and Rohit Kumar Ojha piled on, securing the victory with goals in the 68th and 89th minutes, respectively.

Results: Sree Gajanana FC: 4 (B Niroshan Mani 18th, R Robinson 49th, Rahul M 68th, Rohit Kumar Ojha 89th) bt DYES FC: 0; Stride FC: 2 Ginneithang Gangte - 67th, Sanjay H 90th) bt Bangalore Eagles FC: 0; Blitz FC: 2 (Avishek Singh 6t, 70th) bt Snipers FC: 0.

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಉದ್ದೇಶಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಅಂದರೆ ವಸತಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಾಗಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಭದ್ರಾವತಿ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ–1 ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಕಾರೇಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಅನುಸೂಚಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿರುವ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನತೆಯ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆಯಿರುತ್ತದೆಯೆಂದು ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–07–2019ರಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬಂದಿರುವ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ) ಕಾಯ್ದೆ – 2019 (2019ರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 16)ರ ಕಲಂ–10(ಎ)ರಡಿ ಮೂಲ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಾಯ–II & III ರಲ್ಲಿನ ಉಪಬಂಧಗಳನ್ನು ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ವಿನಾಯಿತಿ ನೀಡಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಆರ್.ಡಿ 12 ಎ.ಕ್ಯೂ.ಎಸ್.2025 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21–11–2025 ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:ಗುರುವಾ, 04, ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 2025 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–12 ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಪ್ರದತ್ತವಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸುವಂತೆ ಗೃಹ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ನೇಮಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮೋಜಣಿದಾರರಿಗಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವವರಿಗಾಗಲೀ ಯಾರೂ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾಡಕೂಡದೆಂದು ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–11(1) ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಂದದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ವಿಕ್ರಯಿಸುವ, ಭೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡವಿಡುವ, ಅನುಭವಿಸುವ, ಬದಲಾಯಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳದಂತೆ ನಿರ್ಭಂದಿಸಿದೆ. ಅಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡಲ್ಲಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಐತೀರ್ಪು ರಚಿಸುವಾಗ ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಪುನರ್‌ವಸತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪುನರ್‌ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ–2013 (2013ರ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 30)ರ ಕಲಂ–15(1)ರ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪವಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಗೊಂಡ 60 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ತದನಂತರ ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾಗುವ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ನೀಡದೇ ವಿಲೇಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸದರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಡುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಒಂದು ನಕ್ಷೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–1, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಗೃಹ ಮಂಡಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗಾಗಿ ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಅನುಸೂಚಿ

ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ : ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಭದ್ರಾವತಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಕಸಬಾ–I ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಕಾರೇಹಳ್ಳಿ

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(ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣಾ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂಚೆ ವಿಳಾಸ, ಪೋಸ್ಟಲ್ ಕೋಡ್ ನಂಬರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂಬರನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪದೇ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು)

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All eyes on CSK, KKR as IPL mini-auctions in Abu Dhabi promises interesting action

Green, de Kock could rake in the moolah

Franchise watch

Punjab Kings
Rs 11.50 cr Purse remaining
4 Slots remaining | 2 Overseas players

Rajasthan Royals
Rs 16.05 cr Purse remaining
9 Slots remaining | 1 Overseas players

Mumbai Indians
Rs 2.75 cr Purse remaining
5 Slots remaining | 1 Overseas players

Chennai Super Kings
Rs 43.40 cr Purse remaining
9 Slots remaining | 4 Overseas players

Delhi Capitals
Rs 21.80 cr Purse remaining
8 Slots remaining | 8 Overseas players

Gujarat Titans
Rs 12.90 cr Purse remaining
5 Slots remaining | 4 Overseas players

Lucknow Super Giants
Rs 22.95 cr Purse remaining
6 Slots remaining | 4 Overseas players

Kolkata Knight Riders
Rs 64.30 cr Purse remaining
13 Slots remaining | 6 Overseas players

Sunrisers Hyderabad
Rs 25.50 cr Purse remaining
10 Slots remaining | 2 Overseas players

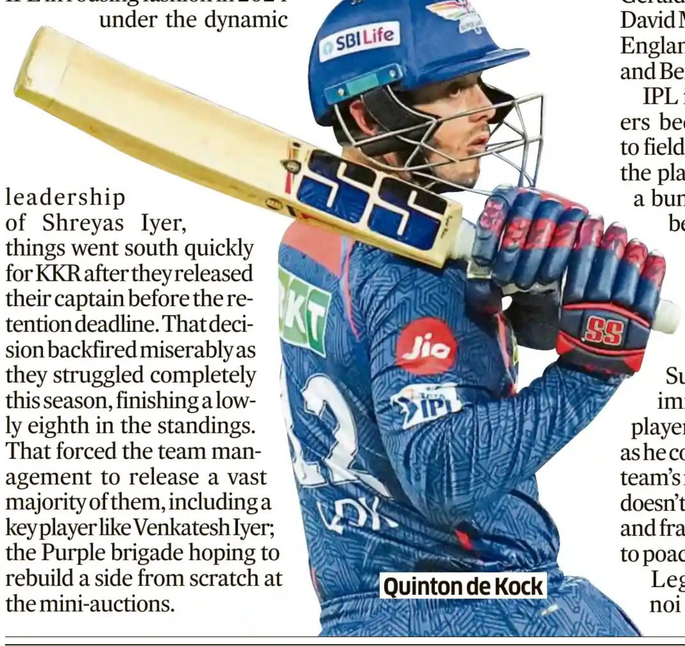
Royal Challengers Bengaluru
Rs 16.40 cr Purse remaining
8 Slots remaining | 2 Overseas players

SIDNEY KIRAN
BENGALURU, DHNS

It's the Christmas season when millions across the world love to loosen their purse strings and indulge themselves. And a whole bunch of rich men and women will go on a shopping spree in glitzy Abu Dhabi on Tuesday to fulfil their needs, albeit wisely, with the cricketing world set to watch every purchase of theirs with high anticipation as the IPL mini-auction promises to be another exciting affair.

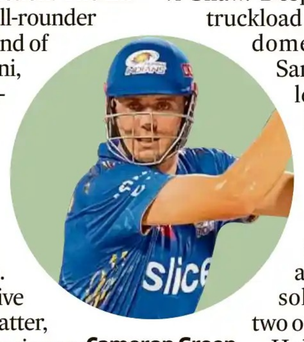
Liam Livingstone

The spotlight will be on two heavyweight franchises — three-time winners Kolkata Knight Riders and five-time champions Chennai Super Kings — who have the largest bank balances of Rs 64.30 crore and Rs 43.40 crore, respectively, after a majority of the remaining eight franchises chose to retain most of their players. After winning the IPL in rousing fashion in 2024 under the dynamic leadership of Shreyas Iyer, things went south quickly for KKR after they released their captain before the retention deadline. That decision backfired miserably as they struggled completely this season, finishing a lowly eighth in the standings. That forced the team management to release a vast majority of them, including a key player like Venkatesh Iyer; the Purple brigade hoping to rebuild a side from scratch at the mini-auctions.


Quinton de Kock

Explosive opener Quinton de Kock and Australian all-rounder Cameron Green could be potential targets considering their deep pockets. De Kock, a journeyman in the IPL having represented six franchises, played for KKR this year but following a poor return of just 152 runs in 8 games, he was promptly released. The 32-year-old South African, one of the most dangerous opening batters in the world, however, has regained his mojo, displaying his old destructive self in the limited-overs series against Pakistan and the ongoing one against India.

Not just KKR, but Green could be the target of a majority of the franchises, including CSK. The 26-year-old Australian, one of the hottest cricketers in the world, missed the IPL this year because of a lower-back injury. In the two IPLs he's been involved, he's been an absolute beast, scoring 452 runs at a strike rate of 160.28 for Mumbai Indians in 2023 and then smashing 255 runs (SR: 143.25) for the Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2024. He was good with the ball too, bagging 6 and 10 wickets respectively for MI and RCB. With Green back to his best for Australia, he's widely expected to rake in the highest moolah.


Cameron Green

CSK could also go strongly after Liam Livingstone after losing out to arch-rivals RCB at the previous auction. The English spinning all-rounder is exactly the kind of player MS Dhoni, who still commands a lot of attention despite being 44 years old at the franchise, would love to have on his side. He's a destructive middle-order batter, a really smart spinner and a brilliant fielder too. Expect another waging war for Livingstone.

Among the foreign players who could attract a lot of bidding are: young Sri Lankan slinging pacer Matheesha Pathirana, the South African pace duo of Anrich Nortje and Gerald Coetzee, the big-hitting David Miller (SA), and dashing England batters Jamie Smith and Ben Duckett.

IPL is all about Indian players because franchises have to field a minimum of seven in the playing XI. And there are a bunch of them who could be laughing their way to the bank. Venkatesh had everyone stunned when KKR splurged Rs 23.75 crore at the previous auction. Such big money can put immense pressure on a player, and Venkatesh felt it as he couldn't deliver as per the team's needs. One poor season doesn't make a good player bad, and franchises will be tempted to poach.

Venkatesh Iyer

Leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi could be the target of several teams given his wicket-taking abilities. Two players who will be watching the auction with great interest are Sarfaraz Khan and Prithvi Shaw. Despite scoring a truckload of runs on the domestic circuit, Sarfaraz has been left out of the Indian team and hasn't found much interest amongst IPL team owners after going unsold in the last two occasions.

He has since shed a lot of the pounds that were considered to be weighing down his prospects, but whether he will elicit any interest remains to be seen.

Another young talent stuck in a rut is Shaw. Following two below-par seasons (106 runs in 2023 and 198 in 2024), the opener went unsold last year. His fortunes were also impacted by several tales of indiscipline that came to light. The Mumbaikar has moved base to Maharashtra and is slowly finding that spark. But will franchises, who are extremely wise nowadays, take a punt on him? Tuesday will offer an answer.

A total of **359 players have been shortlisted to fill 77 slots**, including **31 foreigners**, across the 10 teams

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Matt Henry

Matheesha Pathirana

RCB go shopping for fast bowling depth

VIGNESH BHARADWAJ
BENGALURU, DHNS

Royal Challengers Bengaluru's long-awaited dream of becoming Indian Premier League champions was finally realised after an 18-year wait at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad in June.

The RCB representatives, who usually walk out of auction rooms all smiles and then have gone on to release their valuable assets ahead of the new auction after average returns during the tournament, will break the duck this time around.

The defending champions have their first eleven almost set, with just two names (Liam Livingstone & Mayank Agarwal) not retained from the starting team that won the final against Punjab Kings. They have also released another Karnataka interest in Manoj Bhandage.

Having retained as many as 17 players and investing 108.6 crore on them, the Challengers have only little shopping to do and the think tank will take a seat at the high-stakes auction table with one priority: fast-bowling depth.

With Josh Hazlewood ruled out of the Ashes after an Achilles injury and expected to target the T20 World Cup early next year for a comeback, a fast bowler who can swing the ball both ways and is a wicket-taking option in the powerplay will be on RCB's mind. Their eyes could be Matt Henry or Jacob Duffy.

South Africa's Gerald Coetzee is also a worthy gambling option. The Challengers will also require a backup for left-arm quick Yash Dayal, who has had things happening away from the sport and has not played competitive cricket since IPL, having recently skipped the UP T20 League.

Mangesh Yadav and Naman Tiwari, two left-arm pacers from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively, have been making the right noises in their State T20 leagues and could be options worth exploring for RCB.

What has hurt RCB the most over the years was the runs bled by the bowling department and with a few delicate options this time, they could also put all the eggs on the Matheesha Pathirana basket to complement Hazlewood and Bhuvneshwar Kumar.

They will also be on the lookout for a proven IPL asset to challenge Devdutt Padikkal's spot and could bring in players like Sarfaraz Khan or Rahul Tripathi.

Bengaluru, having released Liam Livingstone, will want to add some muscle, such as Michael Bracewell or Jason Holder, to an already intense finishing artillery of Tim David, Jitesh Sharma and Romario Shepherd. Slightly thin on their spin options, RCB will be tempted to go for either Ravi Bishnoi or Rahul Chahar as a Suyash Sharma upgrade. While they might seem over the budget, they could also fall back on Karn Sharma.

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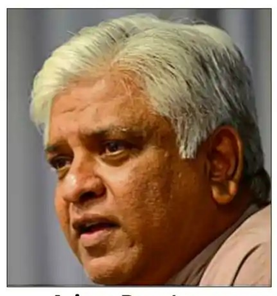
Arjuna Ranatunga

SL authorities to arrest Ranatunga

COLOMBO, AFP: Authorities in Sri Lanka plan to arrest World Cup-winning cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga on corruption charges relating to his time as petroleum minister, a court was told Monday.

Ranatunga and his brother Dammika Ranatunga are accused of changing the procedure for awarding long-term oil procurement contracts, making spot purchases at a higher cost, a corruption watchdog said.

"The total loss to the state from 27 purchases is 800 million rupees," the equivalent of just over $5 million at the time the deals were made in 2017, according to the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

Arjuna was abroad and would be arrested on his return, the commission told Colombo Magistrate Asanga Bodaragama

The former minister's elder brother Dhammika, then chairman of the state-owned Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, was arrested on Monday and later released on bail.

The magistrate imposed a travel ban on Dhammika, who is a dual citizen of Sri Lanka and the United States.

CRICKET

BCCI's Vijay Hazare diktat

Board mandates all current players to play at least two games this season

NEW DELHI, PTI

With BCCI laying emphasis on domestic cricket, all top international cricketers will have to play at a couple of matches in the Vijay Hazare Trophy starting Dec 24. PTI

The BCCI has made it mandatory for all current national team players to turn up in at least two one-day matches of the upcoming Vijay Hazare Trophy starting December 24.

It is understood that with a gap of three weeks between the last T20I against South Africa in Ahmedabad (December 19) and the first ODI against New Zealand (January 11, 2026), the Board wants all its senior players to play domestic cricket.

The diktat has been communicated to the players by the Ajit Agarkar-led national selection committee.

This is in line with the recommendations of a review that was undertaken after the Test debacle in Australia earlier this year. The review had sought greater emphasis on domestic cricket across formats.

While veterans Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have already intimated their availability for the tournament, other senior stars like Shubman Gill, Jasprit Bumrah, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav have also been asked to play at least two games for their respective teams.

Save Shreyas Iyer, who will take a lot more time to get fit, others are expected to represent their state teams.

"There are six rounds of Vijay Hazare Trophy scheduled between December 24 and start of the New Zealand ODIs. It is up to the players and their state associations to decide which two rounds they would like to play.

"But after the second T20I in Mullanpur, the players have been categorically told that playing Hazare isn't optional," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity.

Exceptions would be made only if a player is declared unfit by the Centre of Excellence, but officials believe there is enough time to recuperate after the South Africa series.

The diktat would also help counter the narrative that the selection committee and head coach Gautam Gambhir only want to make an example out of Kohli and Rohit, who have nothing to prove.

The decision to make Vijay Hazare Trophy mandatory for all is indicative that rules will be same for everyone.

Bumrah's availability

Jasprit Bumrah was forced to fly back home for personal reasons ahead of the third T20I in Dharamsala. As per reliable sources, a very close family member of the bowler is currently hospitalised, prompting the cricketer to return home.

"If all goes well, then he might return for the fourth or even fifth game (in Ahmedabad). But first priority is recovery of his family member."

'BCCI is not recognised as NSF'

NEW DELHI, PTI

The BCCI is not a recognised National Sports Federation (NSF), Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya **(in pic)** stated in the Lok Sabha on Monday, reiterating a long-held status that is expected to change once the new National Sports Governance Act comes into effect next year.

Mandaviya was responding to a query from Trinamool Congress' Kolkata Dakshin representative Mala Roy.

Roy asked whether the Government intends to take control of big sports bodies such as the BCCI and the cash-strapped All India Football Federation (AIFF) for their "proper and smooth functioning."

Mandaviya reiterated that National Sports Federations (NSFs) are voluntary bodies, which are expected to follow "healthy management practices."

"Further, Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is not recognised as a National Sports Federation (NSF)," Mandaviya said.

The National Sports Governance Act was passed in August this year and its rules are set to be notified soon. Mandaviya has promised full-scale implementation of the act early next year.

It has the provision for a National Sports Board (NSB) to create a stringent system of accountability and all NSFs will have to attain NSB's recognition for access to central government funding.

The BCCI has not been a recognised NSF so far as it is not reliant on government funding.

However, it will have to register itself as an NSF once the new Act comes into effect given that cricket has become an Olympic sport, which is set for a debut in the 2028 Games in the T20 format.

The Ministry has already provided some relief to the Board when it comes to provisions related to the Right to Information Act that will be applicable on NSFs under the new act.

Deeksha spins web around Chhattisgarh

BENGALURU, DHNS: A four-wicket haul by Deeksha Honushree helped Karantaka maintain their winning run in the elite group stages of the Women's U-19 One-Day Trophy as the Rachitha Hatwar-led side defeated Chhattisgarh in a low-scoring affair by 43 runs.

Deeksha's 4/33 spell triggered Chhattisgarh's top-order collapse as the side went from 66/1 to 74/5 in a space of three overs at the halfway stage while chasing a paltry 181. The side lost its stride from that point on as Chhattisgarh struggled to 137/9 in 50 overs.

Brief scores: Karnataka: 180 all out in 48.4 overs (Kashvi Kandikuppa 64, Karnika Karthick 25; Mahak Narwase 2-38, Shreya Srinivas 2-39, Deepika Bhagat 2-35) bt Chhattisgarh: 137/9 in 50 overs (Yati Sharma 34, Bhavika Sahu 36, Deeksha Honushree 4-33).

Axar Patel

Axar ruled out of remaining T20Is against South Africa; Shahbaz included

NEW DELHI, PTI: India all-rounder Axar Patel was on Monday ruled out of the remaining two T20I against South Africa due to illness with the BCCI's selection committee naming Shahbaz Ahmed as his replacement.

Axar had also missed the third T20I in Dharamsala on Sunday with wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav being included in the playing XI.

India went on to defeat South Africa by seven wickets in a low-scoring match to take a 2-1 lead in the five-match series.

The last two games of the five-match series will be played in Lucknow and Ahmedabad on Wednesday and Friday respectively.

"Team India all-rounder, Axar Patel has been ruled out of the remaining two IDFC First Bank T20Is against South Africa due to illness," said a statement from BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia.

"However, he is with the team in Lucknow where he will be further medically assessed."

India's updated squad for last two T20Is: Suryakumar Yadav (c), Shubman Gill (vc), Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya, Shivam Dube, Jitesh Sharma (WK), Sanju Samson (WK), Jasprit Bumrah, Varun Chakaravarthy, Arshdeep Singh, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Washington Sundar, Shahbaz Ahmed.

Ajaz back in Kiwis' squad

WELLINGTON, AFP: New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel is in line to play his first Test match in more than a year after being recalled ahead of the third Test against the West Indies.

The 37-year-old has not played a Test in New Zealand since Feb 2020.

The Central Districts left-arm orthodox bowler took 11 wickets in his last Test against India at Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai, as New Zealand wrapped up a 3-0 series victory over the hosts in 2024. Patel has 85 Test wickets in 21 matches.

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